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College administrators banned freshman parking starting next fall, to create more parking space and keep students on campus.

Freshman Parking Axed

By Teresa Joerger
Bullet Staff Writer

Administrators are eliminating freshman parking in an effort to create more space for upperclass parking and to keep more students on campus during the weekends.

Starting next fall, sophomores will most likely be given the parking spaces freshmen now occupy in the Battleground parking lot.

Midge Poyck, chief executive officer and executive vice president and a member of the freshman car task force that has looked at the issue of freshman parking since last spring explained the college's rationale for the decision.

"It first grew out of the space issue, but as we talked more, we realized that maybe we could look at this issue another way; maybe this is yet another way not to make it so easy for people to leave campus all the

time," she said.

The policy will not include commuting freshmen and second-year or transfer students with freshman status, according to a memo President William Anderson sent to Poyck last June.

Poyck said that the task force still has to determine specific policies, including the definition of freshman and any exceptions to the policy.

Martin Wilder, task force member and vice president for admissions and financial aid, said some possible exemptions include freshmen with off-campus jobs, or those who need to go home because of ill family members.

According to Wilder, the task force studied the example of schools that had already done away with freshman parking, including the University of Virginia, the College of William and Mary, and

Longwood College.

Poyck said the fact that many other Virginia schools had already cut freshman parking made the decision easier for MWC.

"It was good to know we wouldn't be out there all by ourselves doing something that nobody else was doing," Poyck said.

The committee presented its recommendation to Anderson, who approved it, and sent it to the Board of Visitors during their Sept. 18 meeting.

The board decided that the decision was up to the administration, but took an unofficial vote anyway. Everyone in attendance supported the new policy.

"We got a board consensus at the meeting and I feel like, with that in hand, we can go forward and put this in place," Poyck said.

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Campus Will Have The Power

Power Company
To Fix Blackouts
Over Fall Break
For Free

By Jason Schultz
Bullet News Editor



Jason Schultz/Bullet

Virginia Power worker James Gray crawls into a hole in front of the Jepson Science Center to examine uncovered power lines.

correct the problems.

Teams contracted by Virginia Power are to begin major work on Oct. 10, the first day of Fall Break. According to Barbara Gordon, Virginia Power's director of media and community relations, at 7 a.m. workers will shut off the power to campus for approximately seven hours.

Foster said this semester five blackouts have been caused by two different problems.

Squirrel electrocuting themselves on power lines caused many of the outages. Too much demand, on a particular feed, the place where Virginia Power connects to the campus, caused some other blackouts.

"The first outage was caused by a squirrel on Littlepage Street that destroyed some electrical equipment," Foster said.

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College Awards Professors

By Mary Lundie
Bullet Staff Writer

Bulent Atalay might have gotten his doctorate in medicine and not in physics if a Georgetown University secretary hadn't misread his desired career as "physicist" instead of "physician."

Similarly, Gardner Campbell might have become a psychologist had it not been for an inspiring college English professor.

Without these changes, these two MWC professors would not have received the prestigious awards presented to them at the graduation ceremony on May 16, 1998.

Atalay was this year's recipient of the Grellet C. Simpson Award. This award is the institution's highest honor that can be given to a professor at MWC.

Students nominate professors by writing letters to Phil Hall, dean of the faculty. The award-winners from the past three years also read the nominations.

Atalay is a native of Ankara, Turkey. He is the son of a general who served as a military attaché across the world. Atalay attended secondary school at Eton in England and St. Andrew's School in Delaware.

When Atalay entered college, he wanted to become a doctor. But when the secretary mistakenly read his career choice as

"physics," Atalay ended up with many classes in that discipline, and it quickly grew on him.

"I realized my friends who were studying to be doctors were simply memorizing facts. In my studies of physics, I felt I was gaining insight," Atalay said.

Atalay received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Georgetown University. He also holds a master's degree from Oxford University in England.

Atalay has been teaching at Mary Washington College for 32 years.

"[The award] meant more to me here because it was my full-time job," said Atalay, who won a similar award at U.Va., where he is an adjunct.

George King, chair of the physics department, said Atalay deserves the award.

"I was elated. He has always been regarded by his students as one of the better teachers at the college," King said.

Senior Jennifer Cox came to Mary Washington knowing she needed to sign up for one of Atalay's classes. Her high school physics teacher had attended a seminar of Atalay's, and he advised Cox to take advantage of Atalay's classes.

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Advancement V.P. Quits, Dept. Gets Restructured

By Eric Tolbert
Bullet Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College development office, which is responsible for raising outside funds for the college, has lost its second consecutive vice president for college advancement in three years.

Lyons quit the position in July after less than two years on the job. "I left the position to pursue other opportunities," Lyons said. Lyons declined to comment about whether or not he was forced to resign from this \$94,631 a year job.

Lyons replaced Deal Tompkins, who resigned after a short time in the position.

"I was fired," said Tompkins, who now works in the Randolph Macon College development office.

Tompkins commented on Lyons' resignation.

"It's real unfortunate about Scott, real unfortunate," he said.

Tompkins claimed that the office was doing an adequate job, but that some administrators, whom he would not identify, had created an uncomfortable environment in the office.

"The money was coming in," he said. "The problem was not the

development office. Because of certain senior administrators, there is a real morale problem [at Mary Washington] among faculty and other administrators."

Lyons resigned nearly three months after a major reorganization of the office, which was ordered by President William Anderson.

"I thought that we were not making progress at the rate that we should have," Anderson said. "I decided it was time to make some changes."

"I feel good about [the reorganization]. The people we have over there now are excellent," he continued.

On April 10, the college eliminated the position of vice president for college advancement and combined the advancement office with the Office of College Relations and Legislative Affairs. Ron Singleton, vice president for college relations, said that although his position did not officially exist in the new structure, Lyons continued as vice-president of college advancement until he resigned.

A newly created position, which has not been filled yet, called the

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Plans For Future Forging Ahead

TV Station Coming To Stafford

By Mark Agee
Bullet Staff Writer

Plans are coming together for Mary Washington's James Monroe Center for Graduate and Continuing Studies in Stafford County.

Construction is currently underway and on-schedule, and MWC is moving forward with its plans to bring a public television station to the new campus.

At their Sept. 19 meeting, the Board of Visitors decided to proceed with the leasing of land in Stafford to the Central Virginia Educational Telecommunications Corporation (CVETC), a nonprofit organization that owns the public broadcasting station WNVN.

"We don't want any delay in proceeding with the lease so we can start building out there," Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer told board members.

WNVN is currently located in Fairfax, Va. and broadcasts out of Prince William County. It can be seen by on-campus students on channel 11 of campus cable.

College administrators are



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Shane Allen of Dustin Construction puts up steel girders for the first Stafford campus building

excited about the possibilities WNVN entails for the new campus.

"This is a great partnership for both parties," said Meta Braymer, dean of graduate and professional studies. "We have new possibilities and access to technology that we otherwise wouldn't have had."

President William Anderson said the WNVN building could also house classroom space for a possible media and communications program.

"If we decide to establish a

media/communications program we will have some of the facilities and equipment we need to get started," he said.

Those involved with the project say it will probably be several months before ground is broken on the television station's future home in Stafford.

"We are still meeting with architects and surveyors," said Roger Macintosh, senior vice president for governmental affairs and special projects for CVETC, who is working

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Combs To House Many Academic Departments

By Teresa Joerger
Bullet Staff Writer

Three years from now, students taking historic preservation, modern foreign languages or English, linguistics and speech classes will have to trek over to Combs Hall to attend their classes.

The Board of Visitors approved a resolution on Sept. 19 to move these departments to Combs.

Combs housed the science departments until they moved to the \$11.7 million Jepson Science Center this fall. Now the college is waiting on the Virginia General Assembly for the money needed to renovate Combs for its new use.

Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, helped decide how Combs would be renovated. He said he wants to give some departments space while still planning ahead.

"The idea is to move some academic programs into Combs lock, stock and barrel," Hall said. "Not completely filling Combs, but leaving some growth room after those programs move in."

Hall said that one of the main reasons the college decided to use Combs as an academic building is that the General Assembly last spring gave the college permission to hire 30 new faculty positions. With classroom and office space cramped in the current academic buildings, using Combs will create breathing space while still

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Weekend Weather

Friday: Partly cloudy. High 64. Low 46.

Saturday: Sunny. High 65. Low 43.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. High 66. Low 46.



Police Beat

By Penny Beverage
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

DUI/DIP

Sept. 19— Michael Ross, 19, of Springfield, Va., was charged with DIP in Jefferson Hall. He was also charged with underage possession of alcohol and possession of a concealed weapon, a knife.

Sept. 20— Margot Fleury, 18, of Russell Hall, was charged with DIP.

LARCENY

Sept. 16— Two computers were reported stolen from the George Washington Hall basement hallway. The computers were valued at \$1,000 each.

Sept. 17— A student sign, valued at \$20, was stolen from the front of Lee Hall.

Sept. 18— A backpack and its

contents were stolen from Trinkle Hall. The backpack was valued at \$190.

Sept. 20— A building key was stolen from the front desk of Randolph Hall.

Sept. 24— A student reported that his rugby ball was stolen by two non-students. The ball was returned and the student chose not to press charges. The alleged offenders were barred from campus.

Sept. 24— A bicycle parked outside Framar Hall was stolen. It was valued at \$400.

VANDALISM

Sept. 25— A vehicle parked in the Sunken Road parking lot was vandalized. Paint scraped from the side of the vehicle.

Sept. 26— A vehicle in the Sunken Road parking lot was vandalized. The

windshield wiper was bent.

Sept. 27— A vehicle parked in the Sunken Road parking lot was vandalized. The vehicle's radio antenna was bent.

MISC.

Sept. 15— Mark Emmoms, 20, of Fredericksburg, was charged with possession of marijuana at Sunken Road and Monument Avenue.

Sept. 17— A suspicious male was reportedly seen outside Virginia Hall.

Sept. 17— A faculty member received a threatening voice mail message in Lee Hall. The incident is under investigation.

Sept. 27— Daniel Joseph Engles, 27, of Fredericksburg, was charged with window peeping outside Randolph Hall. Engles was arrested and barred from campus.



Compiled by Penny Beverage

Clinton Video Released By Congress

The videotape of President William Clinton's testimony about the Monica Lewinsky affair was released to the American public by Congress on Monday, Sept. 21. The testimony, which took place Aug. 17, 1998 before Kenneth Starr's grand jury, shows the president admitting "inappropriate intimate contact" and "sexual banter" with Lewinsky.

Georges Attacks Southern Coast

Over the weekend, Hurricane Georges attacked the Gulf Coast with 110 m.p.h. winds and rain. It ravaged the Florida Keys and the Mississippi River Delta and killed more than 300 people in the Caribbean. Hurricane Georges is reported to have been the most serious storm to threaten New Orleans since 1969.

Ripken Ends Streak After 16 Years

Baltimore Orioles' third baseman Cal Ripken ended his 16-year, 2,632-consecutive game streak on Sunday, Sept. 20. Ripken, who broke Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 straight games in 1995, said he was not hurt but still volunteered to end the streak in Sunday's game against the New York Yankees.

McGwire Ends Season With 70 Home Runs

Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals scored his seventeenth homerun of the season on Sunday, Sept. 28. McGwire finally beat Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs in a competition that had been going on for the last several weeks of the season. Sosa, who was just behind McGwire in the competition, completed the season with 66 homeruns.

Clinton Announces Billion Dollar Budget Surplus

President William Clinton announced yesterday that, for the first time since 1969, the federal government will not run a budget deficit. Congressional Republicans want to use part of the \$70-billion surplus to finance a five-year tax cut plan, while Clinton says the money should be set aside until long-term Social Security reform is enacted.

S.G.A. Beat

Executive Cabinet Report

By Maylian Pak
SGA Press Secretary

- The stretch track proposal, a proposal to redo weekly class scheduling and create 75-minute classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, was vetoed due to student sentiment against it.
- Hearings for improper hall sign-out will now be the responsibility of the Judicial Review Board.
- Roy Weinstock, vice president for planning, assessment and institutional research, will head the MWC 2000 Committee, which will be planning the course the college will take over the next 15 years.
- Classes with high enrollment will have their exams during the first periods of exam week.
- A motion proposed by senior Chris Hitzelberger to set up new rules of order for Senate meetings passed.
- Another motion by Hitzelberger to extend the deadline for changing classes from pass/fail to graded and vice versa passed.
- A motion by sophomore Darren Carlson to look into getting into new fire equipment for Marshall, Mason, Randolph, and Westmoreland Halls passed.
- Student Check Cashing Service will start Monday, Oct. 6. It will be held from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the SGA Office.
- Voter Information Night will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 7-9 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Senate Report

By Penny Beverage
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, the Senate elected a new vice president, Kristin DeGraff, a sophomore. She ran against senior Ilon Chirput and sophomore Kelly Turcic.

In other business, senior Mike Canty's major motion questioning whether members of Executive Cabinet should also be allowed to be members of Senate will be indefinitely tabled.

The motion was made incorrectly, and Canty said he wants time to speak with opponents of the motion to try to come to a compromise.

It was announced that the administration decided against the stretch track proposal they had been discussing.

If the stretch period had been instated, one hour and fifteen minute class periods would have been offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

These classes may have met on all three days or only two days of the week. However, the administration decided against the stretch period due to problems they thought it might cause with other Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes that would last the regular 50 minutes.

Rebecca Greene, a senior, made the only motion of Wednesday's meeting. She motioned that the Welfare Committee look into getting microwaves in Seacobeck Hall so that students will be able to reheat food. The motion passed.

Campus Information

Karen C. Radley, chief operating officer of the Radley Automotive Group based in Fredericksburg, has been selected to serve as Executive-in-Residence at Mary Washington College this fall. Radley will speak at a community business breakfast on Oct. 7 and will meet with students and faculty during the day-long visit. For more information call 654-1055.

Applications for the directory "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and

Colleges" are available at the information desk in the Campus Center or from the Office of Student Affairs in Lee 200. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, in the student affairs office. For more information call 654-1062.

Current United States Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky will speak at Mary Washington on Wednesday, Oct. 7. His lecture, entitled "Dante's Inferno: The Translation," will be presented at 6:30 p.m. in Lee Hall Ballroom. The lecture is free to the

public. For more information, call 654-1035.

Deborah Stahl, a 1972 MWC graduate, is coming back to campus this semester to serve as the psychology department's fourth Graduate-in-Residence. Stahl will give a free lecture entitled "The Sexually Violent Offender" on Thursday, Oct. 1, at p.m., in Monroe 104. For more information call Debra Steckler at 654-1559.

Corrections

In the Sept. 17 article entitled "Club's Proposed Budgets Slashed" the Finance Committee was reported to be affiliated with the Student Government Association and the Inter-Club Association. It is a separate entity.

In the Sept. 17 article entitled "Club's Proposed Budgets Slashed" A picture caption claims that C.O.A.R. receives its funding from the Finance Committee. It does not.

In the Sept. 17 article entitled "Club Cuts Ties To Lobby Group," the Finance Committee only investigates monetary concerns. The Inter-Club Association only investigates violations of college rules and procedures. The ICA is also in charge of club constitutions.

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closely with MWC's John Wiltenmuth, director of facilities services, on this project.

"We're trying to break ground in the early spring of 1999. There are still a few steps we have to go through."

Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, said, "[CVETC] doesn't have an architect under contract yet and the lease has not been finalized, so we don't have a schedule yet."

The state attorney general's office and the Bureau of Real Property Management have both cleared the venture, so few legal hurdles remain for the college and the television station, Anderson said.

The exact number of acres CVETC will get on the Stafford campus is unclear, but the lease, which has not been finalized yet, states that they will have it for a period of 99 years.

"We are probably going to lease about 4 or 5 acres," Macintosh said. "We're going to occupy a small corner of the 48-acre campus."

Part of moving WNTV's equipment to the Stafford campus entails erecting a 300-foot microwave tower to transmit a signal from Stafford to the WNTV's broadcast transmitter, which will remain in Prince William County. The microwave tower has proven to be another hurdle the college and the

station will have to clear in the early stages of planning this venture.

"According to regulations," Brynner said, "the tower needs to be a certain number of feet away from all structures and parking lots so if it falls over it won't hurt anyone or destroy any property."

Hall added that any structure that large needs to be approved through certain official channels. Macintosh said one of the main bodies that needs to approve the tower is the Stafford County Board of Supervisors.

There are no zoning regulations in Stafford prohibiting the tower, Hall said, so there should be no problem getting approval from the board of supervisors, unless some of the neighbors in the Stafford Lakes subdivision, where the campus is located, speak out against the appearance of the tower.

Macintosh said the entire project is expected to cost around \$5 million. The venture will not cost the college any money at all, he said.

Wiltenmuth explained how the financial arrangement will work. "[CVETC] will own the building themselves," he said. "Our job is merely to coordinate the lease and a few other details. They are going to pay for it."

As the plans for the television station have been forging ahead, construction on the first building of

the Stafford campus has also been moving along.

Anderson said that the new building, which has not been named yet, will have a much different look from anything students on the Fredericksburg campus see.

"The design of the first building, which is being built now, definitely is a different style than the rustic charm of the Fredericksburg campus," he said.

Hall explained that the building will have a very modern appearance, and only three sides.

Warren Dilandro, a representative of Dustin Construction, the general contractor in charge of erecting the new building, said the project is going well.

"We are bracing the steel framing right now and should be ready for roofing soon," Dilandro said. "Then we'll start brick and windows. The building should be enclosed by Christmas."

Wiltenmuth said, "I am very pleased with the progress of the construction."

Dilandro said the building should be completed by July. Brynner said that the college's graduate and professional programs will occupy the building on Aug. 1, 1999.

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making room for the new positions.

Before any of the departments can relocate to Combs or get more free space, though, the college needs money from the state. On Sept. 19, the board approved a special request to the General Assembly for the \$5.4 million needed to pay for the planned renovations.

Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer, said that the General Assembly had specifically told colleges not to submit any more capital project requests like the Combs request. But MWC will make the request anyway, she said, because if the college does not get the full amount from the General Assembly by the spring then the building will sit vacant for at least an extra year.

According to Hall, he hopes the renovations will begin in the late summer or early fall of 1999. They will take between 15 and 18 months to complete.

"Combs might be ready by January of 2001 as a best case scenario, but we might wait to occupy the building in the summer of 2001," he said.

John Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs, explained how the decision of what to do with Combs and what departments to relocate there was made.

Each department that could possibly be affected was given the opportunity to submit a written

statement expressing the department's feelings about moving to Combs or other buildings.

Discussions then took place among Hall, Morello and the departments to determine the most feasible plan. Hall decided on the recommendation that was presented to the board on Sept. 18.

Hall said he chose the proposal that created the least amount of



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Combs will stand empty unless MWC gets the money to renovate it.

conflict.

"We picked the one that had the least objection," he said. "The departments all agreed it would work for them."

Some faculty members affected by the move seemed pleased, but others had some misgivings about how the decision was made and whether or not they will get all the space they are promised.

Carol Manning, chair of the department of English, linguistics and speech (ELS), said she is looking forward to moving to a building specially designed for her department.

Ana Chichester, assistant professor of Spanish, is happy about the move as well.

"I think that our department [modern foreign languages] is enthusiastically in support of the idea [of relocating]," she said.

Gary Stanton, chair of the historic preservation department, which is currently split between Trinkle and Goodrick Halls, said he is excited about having the department unified in Combs.

Ellen Chafee, an assistant professor of English, said she will be pleased with having more space, but she is concerned about the renovations not being funded yet.

"My concern is that the space isn't built yet," Chafee said. "I'm concerned that if the money isn't appropriated to remodel the space, it will be a problem."

Chafee also explained that the ELS department wanted to remain in Chandler Hall and had decided that if they had to move they wanted to go to Trinkle Hall. The ELS department found out from Hall, Chafee said, that they would be relocated to Combs.

"My sense of people's reactions [in the ELS department] at this point is that they don't feel like they have a lot of say in what happens. People feel the decision is out of our hands," she said.

The next step for the college is to get the \$5.4 million from the General Assembly and award an architectural contract for the renovations.

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OPINIONS

Freshman Car Issue Is A Tough Call

Starting next year, freshmen at Mary Washington will no longer be permitted to bring cars. In many ways, this is a good and necessary decision. Clearly, the upperclassmen needed more parking, and they'll be glad to get it. Commuter parking is just terrible right now. And maybe we can lose that "suitcase school" tag. Yet this decision does raise questions.

Most important is a question of identity. Is a freshman without a car really a freshman? Can they go to Wal-Mart to get 24-packs of Ramen noodles that will all get "borrowed" by their hall-mates? Can they drive ten friends to Outback during a Friday-night blizzard in a car that barely holds two people comfortably? Can they go to the mall and blow their folks' money at Structure and Musicland?

Maybe they can still get to all these traditional freshman destinations. And maybe they can hitch a ride to George Street on Thursday night. Maybe, if they're really lucky, they can hitch a ride to D.C. to check out a Caps game, or to Richmond to go dancing.

But maybe they won't be able to find a ride at all. Part of the allure of Mary Washington College, after all, is its unique location. Almost exactly halfway between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, and just a short drive to each. These are freshman rites of passage, the first journeys to the big cities.

Fredericksburg, too, is an attraction. Sure, it gets ragged on a lot, but this is a decent area. There is no real shortage of things to do. (Well, sometimes there is, but, what can you do?)

Freshmen could well be cut off from these things. Is that fair? No. Is it the best alternative? Possibly. It will keep people on campus on the weekends, and if the college finds activities for them, that's great too. And commuters may finally find a good parking spot.

But somebody's dorm-mates sure will miss those free noodles...

Shifting The Blame

It seems that the cause of tailgating's demise at this year's Homecoming has shifted. Originally, the problem was one of underage alcohol consumption. Now, it seems that the lack of space is being singled out. The villain is now the rugby club, which had the audacity to schedule a home game for Homecoming. Shame on them. In reality, alcohol is the only issue. The letter mailed out by the Alumni Association to MWC alumni talks of complying with the Attorney General's task force on drinking, not about rugby or space concerns. So let's keep the blame in the proper place.

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An Amen To The U-Haul Sentiment

By Chris Todd
Guest Columnist

I would like to give a big "amen" to the staff editorial appearing in last week's Bulletin. I transferred to MWC last year from another school to be closer to home and to some people I knew.

From the outside, MWC looked just like any other school—academically challenging, open, diverse and socially engaging. However, now that I've been here a year, I've noticed that most presumptions are false, and that it's not due to the wills and wishes of the student body.

Unlike a lot of students, I'm paying for my MWC education completely. Every penny is coming out of my own pocket. And honestly, I feel I'm being cheated.

It seems at MWC the students, who (like most college students) are old enough to vote and are legal adults, have zero say in the operations of the institution that they own through their tuition money.

The general attitude of the administration seems to have two agendas: giving MWC a "pristine" commercial appearance (no doubt to attract new students to disenchant), and to make the administration of the school as easy as possible. I assume that this is so the administration can do its share of laurel-resting.

I've never seen a school where the administration is so anti-student, nor a school that is in such bad shape as MWC. Other schools do not have these problems; there is no excuse for them.

When we cried that we didn't want a stupid iron globe in our fountain, the overbored barely listened. 198th and 100th night? Who cares about what students want? The administration has to maintain MWC's virgin-white, squeaky-clean appearance. Condom machines? It took arm-twisting. Meal plans? Highway robbery. Tens of thousands of dollars are taken away from student clubs, and given to President Anderson's landscaping. (Perhaps this money could be better spent investigating how to maintain electrical power for at least a week straight, guys).

Now Homecoming, something that is usually a cherished tradition at every college and is part of the college experience, is being turned into the "Tabernacle Family Fun Gathering," or something of the sort.

Give me a break. If administrators want to attract students, why don't they try and let their students be college students for a while? Don't they notice the empty parking lots on weekends? The silent Saturdays? (My most exciting Saturday in past weeks has been a rollicking night of board games. Good clean fun, yes, but well... you get my point).

MWC already is a "suitcase school." And as for the "U-Haul" school, that's about right, because I'm just about ready to take my \$15,000 and go elsewhere—somewhere where students matter, and are not just a commodity and statistic that look good in annual financial reports. FYI administration, I already have applications in.

P.S. There's a lot more I could say, but I need to start packing my suitcase to go home for the weekend.

Chris Todd is a sophomore.

Looking For Diversity? Try Opening Your Eyes

By Anjali Sherin
Guest Columnist

Nicole Ramer's article on minorities ended with a quote from Quatarisha White, who said that raising the number of minorities and level of cultural awareness on campus is a job "built for the whole community."

It's the entire student community of Mary Washington I'd like to address in this article.

So many voices have been raised in complaint about the lack of diversity and multicultural events on campus, yet I find many who are unaware of the events and organizations we already have.

People claim they have not heard of campus multicultural organizations such as the Black Student Association, Women of Color, Asian Student Association or Hispanic Student Association.

I wonder why, since their posters, events and activities are publicized throughout the year, all over campus.

I've also never understood why many of the multicultural events are so poorly attended, especially since the biggest complaint is that there is nothing to do at MWC.

I would like to give the "Hispanic Kick Off Event" as an example.

People might say that they didn't hear about it, which would be strange since it was held for two hours straight, on a Tuesday evening in front of Lee Hall, smack dab in the middle of campus.

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By Penny Beverage
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LARCENY

Sept. 16— Two computers were reported stolen from the George Washington Hall basement hallway. The computers were valued at \$1,000 each.

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contents were stolen from Trinkle Hall. The backpack was valued at \$190.

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VANDALISM

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Sept. 27— Daniel Joseph Engles, 27, of Fredericksburg, was charged with window peeping outside Randolph Hall. Engles was arrested and barred from campus.



Compiled by Penny Beverage

Clinton Video Released By Congress

The videotape of President William Clinton's testimony about the Monica Lewinsky affair was released to the American public by Congress on Monday, Sept. 21. The testimony, which took place Aug. 17, 1998 before Kenneth Starr's grand jury, shows the president admitting "inappropriate intimate contact" and "sexual harter" with Lewinsky.

Georges Attacks Southern Coast

Over the weekend, Hurricane Georges attacked the Gulf Coast with 110 m.p.h. winds and rain. It ravaged the Florida Keys and the Mississippi River Delta and killed more than 300 people in the Caribbean. Hurricane Georges is reported to have been the most serious storm to threaten New Orleans since 1969.

Ripken Ends Streak After 16 Years

Baltimore Orioles' third baseman Cal Ripken ended his 16-year, 2,632-consecutive game streak on Sunday, Sept. 20. Ripken, who broke Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 straight games in 1995, said he was not hurt but still volunteered to end the streak in Sunday's game against the New York Yankees.

McGwire Ends Season With 70 Homeruns

Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals scored his seventeenth homerun of the season on Sunday, Sept. 28. McGwire finally beat Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs in a competition that had been going on for the last several weeks of the season. Sosa, who was just behind McGwire in the competition, completed the season with 66 homeruns.

Clinton Announces Billion Dollar Budget Surplus

President William Clinton announced yesterday that, for the first time since 1969, the federal government will not run a budget deficit. Congressional Republicans want to use part of the \$70-billion surplus to finance a five-year tax cut plan, while Clinton says the money should be set aside until long-term Social Security reform is enacted.

S.G.A. Beat

Executive Cabinet Report

By Maylian Pak
SGA Press Secretary

- The stretch track proposal, a proposal to redo weekly class scheduling and create 75-minute classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, was vetoed due to student sentiment against it.
- Hearings for improper hall sign-out will now be the responsibility of the Judicial Review Board.
- Roy Weinstock, vice president for planning, assessment and institutional research, will head the MWC 2000 Committee, which will be planning the course the college will take over the next 15 years.
- Classes with high enrollment will have their exams during the first periods of exam week.
- A motion proposed by senior Chris Hitzelberger to set up new rules of order for Senate meetings passed.
- Another motion by Hitzelberger to extend the deadline for changing classes from pass/fail to graded and vice versa passed.
- A motion by sophomore Darren Carlson to look into getting into new fire equipment for Marshall, Mason, Randolph, and Westmoreland Halls passed.
- Student Check Cashing Service will start Monday, Oct. 6. It will be held from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the SGA Office.
- Voter Information Night will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 7-9 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Senate Report

By Penny Beverage
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On Wednesday, Sept. 30, the Senate elected a new vice president, Kristin DeGraff, a sophomore. She ran against senior Ilon Chiprut and sophomore Kelly Turcic.

In other business, senior Mike Canty's major motion questioning whether members of Executive Cabinet should also be allowed to be members of Senate will be indefinitely tabled.

The motion was made incorrectly, and Canty said he wants time to speak with opponents of the motion to try to come to a compromise.

It was announced that the administration decided against the stretch track proposal they had been discussing.

If the stretch period had been instated, one hour and fifteen minute class periods would have been offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

These classes may have met on all three days or only two days of the week. However, the administration decided against the stretch period due to problems they thought it might cause with other Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes that would last the regular 50 minutes.

Rebecca Greene, a senior, made the only motion of Wednesday's meeting. She motioned that the Welfare Committee look into getting microwaves in Seacobeck Hall so that students will be able to reheat food. The motion passed.

Campus Information

Karen C. Radley, chief operating officer of the Radley Automotive Group based in Fredericksburg, has been selected to serve as Executive-in-Residence at Mary Washington College this fall. Radley will speak at a community business breakfast on Oct. 7 and will meet with students and faculty during the day-long visit. For more information call 654-1055.

Applications for the directory "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and

Colleges" are available at the information desk in the Campus Center or from the Office of Student Affairs in Lee 200. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, in the student affairs office. For more information call 654-1062.

Current United States Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky will speak at Mary Washington on Wednesday, Oct. 7. His lecture, entitled "Dante's Inferno: The Translation," will be presented at 6:30 p.m. in Lee Hall Ballroom. The lecture is free to the

public. For more information, call 654-1035.

Deborah Stahl, a 1972 MWC graduate, is coming back to campus this semester to serve as the psychology department's fourth Graduate-in-Residence. Stahl will give a free lecture entitled "The Sexually Violent Offender" on Thursday, Oct. 1, at p.m., in Monroe 104. For more information call Debra Steekler at 654-1559.

Corrections

In the Sept. 17 article entitled "Club's Proposed Budgets Slashed" the Finance Committee was reported to be affiliated with the Student Government Association and the Inter-Club Association. It is a separate entity.

In the Sept. 17 article entitled "Club's Proposed Budgets Slashed" A picture caption claims that C.O.A.R. receives its funding from the Finance Committee. It does not.

In the Sept. 17 article entitled "Club Cuts Ties To Lobby Group," the Finance Committee only investigates monetary concerns. The Inter-Club Association only investigates violations of college rules and procedures. The ICA is also in charge of club constitutions.

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making room for the new positions. Before any of the departments can relocate to Combs or get more free space, though, the college needs money from the state. On Sept. 19, the board approved a special request to the General Assembly for the \$5.4 million needed to pay for the planned renovations.

Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer, said that the General Assembly had specifically told colleges not to submit any more capital project requests like the Combs request. But MWC will make the request anyway, she said, because if the college does not get the full amount from the General Assembly by the spring then the building will sit vacant for at least an extra year.

According to Hall, he hopes the renovations will begin in the late summer or early fall of 1999. They will take between 15 and 18 months to complete.

"Combs might be ready by January of 2001 as a best case scenario, but we might wait to occupy the building in the summer of 2001," he said.

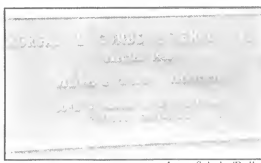
John Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs, explained how the decision of what to do with Combs and what departments to relocate there was made.

Each department that could possibly be affected was given the opportunity to submit a written

statement expressing the department's feelings about moving to Combs or other buildings.

Discussions then took place among Hall, Morello and the departments to determine the most feasible plan. Hall decided on the recommendation that was presented to the board on Sept. 18.

Hall said he chose the proposal that created the least amount of



Jason Schultz/Bulletin

Combs will stand empty unless MWC gets the money to renovate it.

conflict.

"We picked the one that had the least objection," he said. "The departments all agreed it would work for them."

Some faculty members affected by the move seemed pleased, but others had some misgivings about how the decision was made and whether or not they will get all the space they are promised.

Carol Manning, chair of the department of English, linguistics and speech (ELS), said she is looking forward to moving to a building specially designed for her department.

Ana Chichester, assistant professor of Spanish, is happy about the move as well.

"I think that our department [modern foreign languages] is enthusiastically in support of the idea [of relocating]," she said.

Gary Stanton, chair of the historic preservation department, which is currently split between Trinkle and Goodrick Halls, said he is excited about having the department unified in Combs.

Ellen Chafee, an assistant professor of English, said she will be pleased with having more space, but she is concerned about the renovations not being funded yet.

"My concern is that the space isn't built yet," Chafee said. "I'm concerned that if the money isn't appropriated to remodel the space, it will be a problem."

Chafee also explained that the ELS department wanted to remain in Chandler Hall and had decided that if they had to move they wanted to go to Trinkle Hall. The ELS department found out from Hall, Chafee said, that they would be relocated to Combs.

"My sense of people's reactions [in the ELS department] at this point is that they don't feel like they have a lot of say in what happens. People feel the decision is out of our hands," she said.

The next step for the college is to get the \$5.4 million from the General Assembly and award an architectural contract for the renovations.

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closely with MWC's John Willemuth, director of facilities services, on this project.

"We're trying to break ground in the early spring of 1999. There are still a few steps we have to go through."

Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, said, "[CVETC] doesn't have an architect under contract yet and the lease has not been finalized, so we don't have a schedule yet."

The state attorney general's office and the Bureau of Real Property Management have both cleared the venture, so few legal hurdles remain for the college and the television station, Anderson said.

The exact number of acres CVETC will get on the Stafford campus is unclear, but the lease, which has not been finalized yet, states that they will have it for a period of 99 years.

"We are probably going to lease about 4 or 5 acres," Macintosh said. "We're going to occupy a small corner of the 48-acre campus."

Part of moving WNTV's equipment to the Stafford campus entails erecting a 300-foot microwave tower to transmit a signal from Stafford to the WNTV's broadcast transmitter, which will remain in Prince William County. The microwave tower has proven to be another hurdle the college and the

station will have to clear in the early stages of planning this venture.

"According to regulations," Braymer said, "the tower needs to be a certain number of feet away from all structures and parking lots so if it falls over it won't hurt anyone or destroy any property."

Hall added that any structure that large needs to be approved through certain official channels. Macintosh said one of the main bodies that needs to approve the tower is the Stafford County Board of Supervisors.

There are no zoning regulations in Stafford prohibiting the tower, Hall said, so there should be no problem getting approval from the board of supervisors, unless some of the neighbors in the Stafford Lakes subdivision, where the campus is located, speak out against the appearance of the tower.

Macintosh said the entire project is expected to cost around \$5 million. The venture will not cost the college any money at all, he said.

Willemuth explained how the financial arrangement will work. "CVETC will own the building themselves," he said. "Our job is merely to coordinate the lease and a few other details. They are going to pay for it."

As the plans for the television station have been forging ahead, construction on the first building of

the Stafford campus has also been moving along.

Anderson said that the new building, which has not been named yet, will have a much different look from anything students on the Fredericksburg campus see.

"The design of the first building, which is being built now, definitely is a different style than the rustic charm of the Fredericksburg campus," he said.

Hall explained that the building will have a very modern appearance, and only three sides.

Warren Dilandro, a representative of Dustin Construction, the general contractor in charge of erecting the new building, said the project is going well.

"We are bracing the steel framing right now and should be ready for roofing soon," Dilandro said. "Then we'll start bricking and windows. The building should be enclosed by Christmas."

Willemuth said, "I am very pleased with the progress of the construction."

Dilandro said the building should be completed by July. Braymer said that the college's graduate and professional programs will occupy the building on Aug. 1, 1999.

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OPINIONS

Freshman Car Issue Is A Tough Call

Starting next year, freshmen at Mary Washington will no longer be permitted to bring cars. In many ways, this is a good and necessary decision. Clearly, the upperclassmen needed more parking, and they'll be glad to get it. Commuter parking is just terrible right now. And maybe we can lose that "suitcase school" tag. Yet this decision does raise questions.

Most important is a question of identity. Is a freshman without a car really a freshman? Can they go to Wal-Mart to get 24-packs of Ramen noodles that will all get "borrowed" by their hall-mates? Can they drive ten friends to Outback during a Friday-night blizzard in a car that barely holds two people comfortably? Can they go to the mall and blow their folks' money at Structure and Musicland?

Maybe they can still get to all these traditional freshman destinations. And maybe they can hitch a ride to George Street on Thursday night. Maybe, if they're really lucky, they can hitch a ride to D.C. to check out a Caps game, or to Richmond to go dancing.

But maybe they won't be able to find a ride at all. Part of the allure of Mary Washington College, after all, is its unique location. Almost exactly halfway between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, and just a short drive to each. These are freshman rites of passage, the first journeys to the big cities.

Fredericksburg, too, is an attraction. Sure, it gets ragged on a lot, but this is a decent area. There is no real shortage of things to do. (Well, sometimes there is, but, what can you do?)

Freshmen could well be cut off from these things. Is that fair? No. Is it the best alternative? Possibly. It will keep people on campus on the weekends, and if the college finds activities for them, that's great too. And commuters may finally find a good parking spot.

But somebody's dorm-mates sure will miss those free noodles...

Shifting The Blame

It seems that the cause of tailgating's demise at this year's Homecoming has shifted. Originally, the problem was one of underage alcohol consumption. Now, it seems that the lack of space is being singled out. The villain is now the rugby club, which had the audacity to schedule a home game for Homecoming. Shame on them. In reality, alcohol is the only issue. The letter mailed out by the Alumni Association to MWC alumni talks of complying with the Attorney General's task force on drinking, not about rugby or space concerns. So let's keep the blame in the proper place.

An Amen To The U-Haul Sentiment

By Chris Todd
Guest Columnist

I would like to give a big "amen" to the staff editorial appearing in last week's Bulletin. I transferred to MWC last year from another school to be closer to home and to "come people I knew."

From the outside, MWC looked just like any other school—academically challenging, open, diverse and socially engaging. However, now that I've been here a year, I've noticed that most presumptions are false and that it's not due to the wills and wishes of the student body.

Unlike a lot of students, I'm paying for my MWC education completely. I very penny is coming out of my own pocket. And honestly, I feel I'm being cheated.

It seems at MWC the students who (like most college students) are old enough to vote and are legal adults, have zero say in the operations of the institution that they own through their tuition money.

The general attitude of the administration seems to have two agendas: giving MWC a "pristine" commercial appearance (no doubt to attract new students to disenchant), and to make the administration of the school as easy as possible. I assume that this is so the administration can do its share of laurel-resting.

I've never seen a school where the administration is so anti-student, nor a school that is in such bad shape as MWC. Other schools do not have these problems; there is no excuse for them.

When we cried that we didn't want a stupid iron globe in our fountain, the upholders barely listened. 198th and 100th night? Who cares about what students want? The administration has to maintain MWC's virgin-white, squeaky-clean appearance. Condom machines? It took arm-twisting. Meal plans? Highway robbery. Tens of thousands of dollars are taken away from student clubs, and given to President Anderson's landscaping. (Perhaps this money could be better spent investigating how to maintain electrical power for at least a week straight, guys).

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Give me a break. If administrators want a "pristine" college students for a while? Don't they notice the empty parking lots on weekends? The "Solid Saturdays"? (My most exciting Saturday in two weeks has been a rollicking night of board games.) Good clean fun, yes, but well... you get my point.

MWC already is a "suitcase school." And, like the "U-Haul" school, that's about right, because I'm just about ready to take my \$15,000 and go elsewhere—somewhere where students matter and are not just a commodity and statistic that look good in annual financial reports. FYI administrators already have applications in.

P.S. There's a lot more I could say, but I couldn't start packing my suitcase to go home for fall weekend.

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Looking For Diversity? Try Opening Your Eyes

By Anjali Sherin
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Nicole Ramer's article on minorities ended with a quote from Quatarisha White, who said that raising the number of minorities and level of cultural awareness on campus is a job "built for the whole community."

It's the entire student community of Mary Washington I'd like to address in this article. So many voices have been raised in complaint about the lack of diversity and multicultural events on campus, yet I find many who are unaware of the events and organizations we already have.

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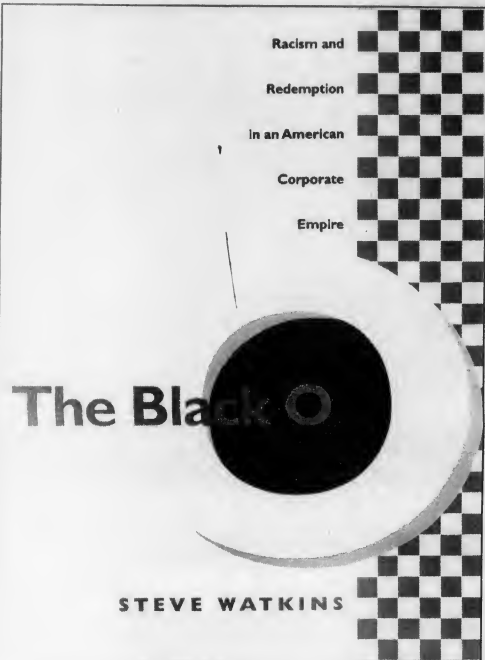
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Most Americans feel that the country's economy is going well, and they don't want to do anything that may upset it. Farnsworth pointed out that, even though people are condemning the way Clinton has dealt with his private life, no one is throwing stones at him who has handled the economy.

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Students Express Their Views



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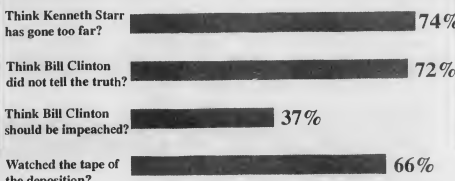
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Double Trouble: Twins At MWC

Mary Washington's Perfect Pairs Stick Together

By Kevin Lampinen
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Though many may think the students of Mary Washington College resemble each other, a good number of them actually do. In fact, there are many sets of twins on campus.

Despite the fact that there is nothing supernatural about twins, they still seem to fascinate people.

"[People] think you have telepathic powers," says Ryan Thompson, twin brother of Kevin Thompson.

Another set of twins, freshmen Andy and Allison Dunn, claim that they really do have some type of special connection.

"We can read each other's minds," Andy said. "Think of a number," Allison said.

After thinking for a second, Andy replied, "Seven."

"Yep," answered Allison as the two broke into laughter.

Though there are many sets of twins on campus, this year's freshman class contains four pairs. Some live together, some work together, and some play sports together. However, most of them spend more time with each other than with anybody else.

The majority of twins say they are connected by a bond that is unlike the relationship between normal siblings. This bond grows from sharing experiences and maturing at the same rate.

An ideal example of a closeness between twins is shown through sophomores Jillian and Channing Griggs. While growing up, they frequently had to move due to the fact that their father was in the Marine Corps. The many moves made the sisters very close, and they now consider themselves to be best friends.

The Griggs sisters do almost everything together. They take the same classes, waitress at the Outback Steakhouse and even live together in an off-campus townhouse. The situation is working out well for the both of them.

"I wouldn't want to room with anybody else," Channing said.

But both Jillian and Channing admit that being so close prevents them from branching out to others.

"It keeps us from making friends," Jillian said. "We just make acquaintances."

However, the two are happy to have such a good relationship with one another and would not trade their position for anything.

"Being best friends outweighs all the negatives," Jillian said.

Freshmen

Allison and Emily Seay also share a close friendship. The good times they have spent together go back to the third grade, when they switched backpacks, barrettes and the shirts that displayed their names on them. Unfortunately, the plan was a failure when one of their teachers discovered the switch.

The MWC women's varsity soccer team has a set of twins on its squad. Brooke and Colby Carrier, both sophomores, are currently participating in their second year on the team. On the field, they are easily told apart due to the fact that Colby wears number two on her jersey, and Brooke number 11.

Off the field, however, it is a little more difficult.

"I'm taller, and I have longer hair," Brooke said.

They can also be distinguished from each other by their personalities.

"Colby is more outgoing," Brooke said.

The two roomed together last year in Virginia Hall and decided that this year they wanted to live together again. However, this time they do not share the same room.

Freshmen Dan and Dave Frazier also live with each other. They are roommates in Mason Hall this year.

Despite their close friendship, the Fraziers both agree that there is some competition between them.

"We're always being compared," Dave said. Fortunately, they do not allow their competitiveness to affect them and they say they are able to get along well.

This year's senior class has a set of fraternal twins. Stephanie and Danielle Whichard have been at Mary Washington for four years. Like many twins, they are best friends and often hang out together.

"We've always had the same group of



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Freshman twins Emily and Allison (or is it Allison and Emily?) Seay switched identities in third grade.

friends," Stephanie said.

Andy and Allison Dunn are a fraternal brother and sister.

"We're more interesting because we're a boy and a girl," Allison said.

Both the Dunn twins and the Thompson twins admit to being close to their siblings but view it in a different way than other twins.

"I just think of it as having a brother the same age," said Ryan Thompson.

Allison Dunn feels the same way.

"It's just like having a regular brother," she said.

The Thompsons considered rooming together for their freshman year but decided against it, since they had lived together their whole lives.

"We thought it would be easier to go to the same school, but not room together," Kevin said.

It is commonly wondered why twins would want to attend the same college after spending the initial part of their lives together.

The Seay twins described it best when speaking about some of the positives and negatives of going to school with a twin.

"You lose your individuality," Allison said.

Emily completed the sentence in typical twin-like fashion.

"But you always have a friend with you."

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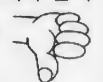


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Stats Say MWC Freshmen Are Smarter Than Ever



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Freshmen Marta Perry, Andy Dunn, Alexia Nesfora and Kate Lee eat a relaxing lunch.

By Eric Tolbert
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Admission to Mary Washington continues to become more selective each year.

According to college officials, this year's freshman class has the highest average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and high school grade point average in college history.

"The increase in competitiveness is a function of the school's growing reputation," said Martin Wilder, vice-president for admissions and financial aid. "That reputation is helped by our recent good showing in national publications," continued Wilder.

He cited the recent *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings as an example. The magazine placed Mary Washington fourth among southern colleges.

According to Wilder, Mary Washington had an increase in applications from 4,104 in 1997 to 4,591 in 1998.

This allowed the college to be more selective, Wilder says, and the profile of the typical applicant is changing as well.

"The average student applying to Mary Washington is also applying to some of the state's most selective schools," said Wilder.

Mary Washington is increasingly sharing applicants with the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary.

Christine Elrod was one such applicant.

Though Elrod, a freshman, applied and was accepted to the prestigious William and Mary,

she chose Mary Washington.

"Some people were a little surprised in my choice," she said.

Elrod, however, agrees that Mary Washington is well respected.

"In my high school A.P. classes, they recommend UVA, William and Mary and here," said Elrod, an Annandale, Va. native.

The freshman class appears extremely bright. The entering 1998 freshman class had an average S.A.T. score of 1198 and average G.P.A. of 3.61.

"Those numbers are the highest yet," said Wilder, an 18 year veteran of the Mary Washington admissions office.

The previous school highs belonged to the class of 2001. Last year's freshman class had an average G.P.A. of 3.52 and an average S.A.T. of 1170.

The rise continues a trend evident over the last twenty years. Including adjustment for the 1995 score recentering, S.A.T. scores among entering freshman have increased roughly one hundred points since 1978.

Despite the record selectivity of the class, freshman students don't feel they are smarter.

"I don't think so; socially we are really clueless. I don't see very many studious people, if that is any indication," Elrod said.

Other students agree, like freshman Elaine Pearson of Northern Virginia.

"No, I have not seen any difference," she said.

This year's freshman class is also the largest in MWC history, though Wilder says that is not by design.

"We don't know how many students will accept each year, we were aiming for between 780 and 800,"

Wilder said.

According to Wilder, the 815 who chose to enroll this semester were a surprise to the Admissions Office. Last year's incoming freshman class of 809 students, was the previous record high.

Although the freshman class is bigger than ever, Wilder does not think it is too big for the campus.

"Campus enrollment is actually down a few from last year," Wilder said.

While academic selectivity continues to increase, Wilder says the school would like to increase gender and racial diversity on campus.

Similar to the freshman class of 1997, ethnic minorities make up only 10% of the freshman class of 1998.

"The school has a lot of programs in place to try to attract a greater number of ethnically diverse students to campus" Wilder said. "We recently hired a new assistant dean of admissions, Lawrence Nightingale, who will focus on increasing minority enrollment."

Wilder says the school would also like to see increased male enrollment on campus, but says the school will not lower standards to attract more male students.

"I hear speculation all the time that it must be easier for males to get in. That is not true. Our male and female students have similar profiles. On average, males have higher S.A.T. scores and females higher grade point averages, overall they are equally strong," Wilder said.

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So what do Mary Washington students want to see happen? According to the poll, only 37 percent think that Clinton should be impeached. But Farnsworth isn't sure about the likelihood of impeachment.

If the public opinion continues to say three out of five or better that Bill Clinton should stay in office, it's going to be very hard for the Republicans to do anything," Farnsworth said.

Many students said Clinton should resign. "He should just resign and maintain what little dignity he has left," White said.

Regardless of the differences in what people want to happen, they all seem to agree on one thing: they want it done quickly.

"The longer that we wait, the worse for everybody," Farnsworth said. "So let's get to the problems. Let's deal with the fact that there are two more nuclear tests that have been conducted in two new countries this year. Saddam Hussein more or less has a free ride as long as the country is captivated by 'Lewinsky-gate.'"

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And it looks as if the years of work have paid off. *The Black O* was published in September of 1997, and has won widespread praise. The book has solicited rave reviews from *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and many others. The Washington Post Book World named *The Black O* to its fall 1997 list of publishing highlights.

The book has sold approximately 4000 copies, which is considerable, being that the publisher, the University of Georgia Press, is an academic press.

"They're very well-respected—one of the oldest ones in the country—but they're still an academic press, so their resources

to promote a book are limited," Watkins said. "So the success and recognition of this book is all the more gratifying."

The Virginia College Stores Association Book Award, which will be presented to him in November, means a lot to Watkins, who says the competition in the state of Virginia is fierce.

"It's a wonderful honor; I'm very appreciative of it. I think it's funny because there are so many wonderful books by so many wonderful Virginia writers, including Charles Wright, who was also in this pool of writers and won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry," Watkins said.

"If it helps get the word out about this book, if it helps sell more books, which I assume and hope that it would, that's the most important thing for me."

Watkins is also a finalist for the Lillian Smith Book Awards, which are presented

by the Southern Regional Council, a long-standing civil rights organization.

John Egerton, a member of the jury panel that will decide the winner of the award, said he is impressed by Watkins' knowledge and writing.

"Steve Watkins came to the writing of this work well-prepared. He invests in his work his own growing knowledge and experience and builds a persuasive case," Egerton said. "He raises the larger issues of discrimination that still hang over us."

Watkins said being a finalist for this award is flattering.

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White commented that she would have been more forgiving if he had told the truth up front or if he had shown any real feelings for Lewinsky.

"He's not sorry," she said. "He's only sorry he's caught. Sure, Monica [Lewinsky] was a willing participant, but we haven't entrusted her to run our country."

Most Americans feel that the country's economy is going well, and they don't want to do anything that may upset it.

Farnsworth pointed out that, even though people are condemning the way Clinton has dealt with his private life, no one is throwing stones at the way he has handled the economy.

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Students Express Their Views



James Smith '99
"He perjured himself under sworn testimony. I think he should resign."



Lisa Myers '02
"I think his sex life should be private. It's no one else's business but his."



Nicole Fuller '02
"I think that whatever the President does is his own business. The situation with Monica Lewinsky should be dealt with by the President, his family, and Monica."



Rachel Fortanace '99
"Did you know Monica Lewinsky is from Beverly Hills?"

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What Percentage Of Polled MWC Students...

Think Kenneth Starr has gone too far?	74%
Think Bill Clinton did not tell the truth?	72%
Think Bill Clinton should be impeached?	37%
Watched the tape of the deposition?	66%

*200 MWC students were questioned in this poll

Double Trouble: Twins At MWC

Mary Washington's Perfect Pairs Stick Together

By Kevin Lampinen

Bulletin Staff Writer

Though many may think the students of Mary Washington College resemble each other, a good number of them actually do. In fact, there are many sets of twins on campus.

Despite the fact that there is nothing supernatural about twins, they still seem to fascinate people.

"[People] think you have telepathic powers," says Ryan Thompson, twin brother of Kevin Thompson.

Another set of twins, freshmen Andy and Allison Dunn, claim that they really do have some type of special connection.

"We can read each other's minds," Andy said.

"Think of a number," Allison said.

After thinking for a second, Andy replied, "Seven."

"Yup," answered Allison as the two broke into laughter.

Though there are many sets of twins on campus, this year's freshman class contains four pairs. Some live together, some work together, and some play sports together. However, most of them spend more time with each other than with anybody else.

The majority of twins say they are connected by a bond that is unlike the relationship between normal siblings. This bond grows from sharing experiences and maturing at the same rate.

An ideal example of a closeness between twins is shown through sophomores Jillian and Channing Griggs. While growing up, they frequently had to move due to the fact that their father was in the Marine Corps. The many moves made the sisters very close, and they now consider themselves to be best friends.

The Griggs sisters do almost everything together. They take the same classes, waitress at the Outback Steakhouse and even live together in an off-campus townhouse. The situation is working out well for the both of them.

"I wouldn't want to room with anybody else," Channing said.

But both Jillian and Channing admit that being so close prevents them from branching out to others.

"It keeps us from making friends," Jillian said.

"We just make acquaintances."

However, the two are happy to have such a good relationship with one another and would not trade their position for anything.

"Being best friends outweighs all the negatives," Jillian said.

Freshmen

Allison and Emily

Seay also share a

close friendship. The

good times they have

spent together go

back to the third

grade, when they

switched backpacks,

barrettes and the

shirts that displayed

their names on them.

Unfortunately, the

plan was a failure

when one of their

teachers discovered

the switch.

The MWC

women's varsity

soccer team has a

set of twins on its squad.

Brooke and Colby

Carrier, both sophomores, are currently

participating in their second year on the team.

On the field, they are easily told apart due to the

fact that Colby wears number two on her jersey,

and Brooke number 11.

Off the field, however, it is a little more

difficult.

"I'm taller, and I have longer hair," Brooke

said.

They can also be distinguished from each

other by their personalities.

"Colby is more outgoing," Brooke said.

The two roomed together last year in

Virginia Hall and decided that this year they

wanted to live together again. However, this time

they do not share the same room.

Freshmen Dan and Dave Frazier also live

with each other. They are roommates in Mason

Hall this year.

Despite their close friendship, the Fraziers

both agree that there is some competition

between them.

"We're always being compared," Dave said.

Fortunately, they do not allow their

competitiveness to affect them and they say they

are able to get along well.

This year's senior class has a set of fraternal

twins. Stephanie and Danielle Whichard have

been at Mary Washington for four years. Like

many twins, they are best friends and often hang

out together.

"We've always had the same group of



Freshman twins Emily and Allison (or is it Allison and Emily?) Seay switched identities in third grade.

Karen Pearlman/Bulletin

friends," Stephanie said.

Andy and Allison Dunn are a fraternal brother and sister.

"We're more interesting because I'm a boy and a girl," Allison said.

Both the Dunn twins and the Thompson twins admit to being close to their siblings and view it in a different way than other twins.

"I just think of it as having a Plus," said Ryan Thompson.

Allison Dunn feels the same way.

"It's just like having a regular brother or sister," she said.

The Thompsons considered rooming together for their freshman year but decided against it, since they had lived together for their whole lives.

"We thought it would be easier to live at the same school, but not room together," Ryan said.

It is commonly wondered why twins would want to attend the same college, spending the initial part of their lives together.

The Seays described it as a positive and negatives of going to school with a twin.

"You lose your individuality," Allison said.

Emily completed the sentence in typical twin-like fashion.

"But you always have a friend with you."

THUMBS

a features column by the Bulletin staff

UP



to the peach, raspberry lemonade, and mocha smoothies recently introduced in the Eagles Nest

DOWN



to the BOV resolution that would make American History, Govt. and Lit. mandatory—this isn't Beijing

UP



to Rocktoberfest, going on today in front of the Underground from 4-7 p.m.—there's live music and free food and drinks

DOWN



to professors teaching 100-level courses hard enough for graduate school

UP



to the Board of Visitors' resolution to nix freshman parking—commuter students may finally find a parking space

DOWN



to the Board of Visitors' resolution to nix freshman parking—next year's sophomores will probably be stuck at the Battleground for another year

Stats Say MWC Freshmen Are Smarter Than Ever



Freshmen Marta Perry, Andy Dunn, Alexia Nestora and Kate Lee eat a relaxing lunch.

By Eric Tolbert
Bulletin Staff Writer

Admission to Mary Washington continues to become more selective each year.

According to college officials, this year's freshman class has the highest average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and high school grade point average in college history.

"The increase in competitiveness is a function of the school's growing reputation," said Martin Wilder, vice-president for admissions and financial aid. "That reputation is helped by our recent good showing in national publications," continued Wilder.

He cited the recent *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings as an example. The magazine placed Mary Washington fourth among southern colleges.

According to Wilder, Mary Washington had an increase in applications from 4,104 in 1997 to 4,591 in 1998.

This allowed the college to be more selective, Wilder says, and the profile of the typical applicant is changing as well.

The average student applying to Mary Washington is also applying to some of the state's most selective schools," said Wilder.

Mary Washington is increasingly sharing applicants with the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary.

Christine Elrod was one such applicant.

Though Elrod, a freshman, applied and was accepted to the prestigious William and Mary,

she chose Mary Washington.

"Some people were a little surprised in my choice," she said.

Elrod, however, agreed that Mary Washington is well respected.

"In my high school A.P. classes we recommend UVA, William and Mary, and Elrod, an Annandale, Va. native.

The freshman class of 1998 is extremely bright. The entering 1998 freshman class had an average S.A.T. score of 1108 and a G.P.A. of 3.61.

"Those numbers are very good," said Wilder, an 18-year veteran of the MWC admissions office.

The previous record belonged to the class of 2001. Last year's freshmen had an average G.P.A. of 3.52 and an average S.A.T. of 1170.

The rise continues to be evident over the last twenty years. According to a ranking for the 1995 score recentering, S.A.T. scores among entering freshmen have increased from the previous record points since 1978.

Despite the recent selectivity of the class, freshman students should not be intimidated.

"I don't think students should be intimidated. I don't see very many intimidating people. If that is any indication," Elrod said.

Other students agree. Freshman Elaine Pearson of Northern Virginia said,

"No. I have not been intimidated," she said.

This year's freshmen are also the largest in MWC history, though Elrod says, that is not by design.

"We don't know how many students will accept each year, we were hoping for 800 and 800,"

Wilder said.

According to Wilder, the 815 who chose to enroll this semester were a surprise to the Admissions Office. Last year's incoming freshman class of 809 students, was the previous record high.

Although the freshman class is bigger than ever, Wilder does not think it is too big for the campus.

"Campus enrollment is actually down a few from last year," Wilder said.

While academic selectivity continues to increase, Wilder says the school would like to increase gender and racial diversity on campus.

Similar to the freshman class of 1997, ethnic minorities make up only 10% of the freshman class of 1998.

"The school has a lot of programs in place to try to attract a greater number of ethnically diverse students to campus," Wilder said. "We recently hired a new assistant dean of admissions, Lawrence Nightingale, who will focus on increasing minority enrollment."

Wilder says the school would also like to see increased male enrollment on campus, but says the school will not lower standards to attract more male students.

"I hear speculation all the time that it must be easier for males to get in. That is not true. Our male and female students have similar profiles. On average, males have higher S.A.T. scores and females higher grade point averages, overall they are equally strong," Wilder said.

Comparatively Speaking:

Statistics on the class of 2002

Number of Applicants: 4591
Average Combined SAT Scores: 1198
Average Grade Point Average: 3.61

Statistics on the class of 2001

Number of Applicants: 4104
Average Combined SAT Scores: 1170
Average Grade Point Average: 3.52

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So what do Mary Washington students want to see happen? According to the poll, only 37 percent think that Clinton should be impeached. But Farnsworth isn't sure about the likelihood of impeachment.

"If the public opinion continues to say three out of five or better that Bill Clinton should stay in office, it's going to be very hard for the Republicans to do anything," Farnsworth said.

Many students said Clinton should resign.

"He should just resign and maintain what little dignity he has left," White said.

Regardless of the differences in what people

want to happen, they all seem to agree on one thing: they want it done quickly.

"The longer that we wait, the worse for everybody," Farnsworth said. "So let's get to the problems. Let's deal with the fact that there are two more nuclear tests that have been conducted in two new countries this year. Saddam Hussein more or less has a free ride as the country is captivated by Lewinsky-gate."

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"The college did support the research. I got a faculty development grant one year to help with all this research. The college and the department were extremely supportive," Watkins said.

And it looks as if the years of work have paid off. The *Black O* was published in September of 1997, and has won widespread praise. The book has solicited rave reviews from The Washington Post, The New York Times, and many others. The Washington Post Book World named *The Black O* to its fall 1997 list of publishing highlights.

The book has sold approximately 4000 copies, which is considerable, being that the publisher, the University of Georgia Press, is an academic press.

"They're very well-respected—one of the oldest ones in the country—but they're still an academic press, so their resources

to promote a book are limited," Watkins said. "So the success and recognition of this book is all the more gratifying."

The Virginia College Store Association Book Award, which will be presented to him in November, means a lot to Watkins, who says the competition in the state of Virginia is fierce.

"It's a wonderful honor. I'm very appreciative of it. I think it's funny because there are so many wonderful books by so many wonderful Virginia writers, including Charles Wright, who was also in this pool of writers and won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry," Watkins said.

"If it helps get the word out about the book, if it helps sell more books, which I assume and hope that it would, that's the most important thing for me."

Watkins is also a finalist for the Lillian Smith Book Awards, which are presented

by the Virginia Regional Council, a long-standing civil rights organization.

Like anyone a member of the jury that will decide the winner of the award, he is impressed by Watkins' exceptional writing.

Since Watkins came to the writing of *The Black O*, he has been well prepared. He invests in his work, he is a flowing knowledge and a good reader builds a persuasive case," Watkins said. "He raises the larger issues of color, race, and class that still hang over us."

Watkins said being a finalist for this award is flattering.

He added that the books that are finalists, and the company to be in. John Farnsworth, Congressman his recent autobiography is one of the finalists," Watkins said. "My money's on John Lewis to win but I'd like to be mentioned with that."

Civil rights leader and MWC professor James Farmer also belongs to the Lillian Smith Award-winning club, his book "I Lay Bare the Heart" won this award about 13 years ago.

Since publication of *The Black O*, Watkins has completed a novel that he's in the process of trying to sell. It is historical fiction, set in Thailand in 1976, a time of political turmoil following the wars in Vietnam and Indochina. There is not yet a contract for the novel's publication.

In the meantime, Watkins thinks *The Black O* can make a real contribution to American society.

"I think the book makes an important contribution to a national discussion. It's making a contribution that we need to have. And if it helps get me a raise at the college, I'll be happy with that, too."

SPORTS

Women's Soccer Surges To Seven Straight Wins MWC Eagles Ranked Fourth In The Nation With An 8-1 Record

By Christian Smith
Bulletin Staff Writer

A tense and tightly-packed Battleground crowd followed the team's every move on a hot Saturday afternoon.

Salisbury State University, a traditional CAC rival, was in town, and the game's importance was known to everyone.

"They've been our rivals for years and they're always out to get us. If we didn't win, we'd be letting ourselves down," said sophomore Martine St. Germain.

Momentum shifted several times as the two teams exchanged scoring chances to no avail through the first 80 minutes of play.

Finally, with 5:30 remaining, junior Johanna Klein netted the game's only goal off a pass from sophomore Ellen Anderson.

"It was a good game...they were just able to capitalize their opportunities," said Salisbury State coach Jim Burkman.

There is no question about it; the

Eagles are hot. Coupled with Sunday's 1-0 double overtime win against Maryville College, the team is on a seven-game winning streak.

Sarah Zelenak's goal in double overtime sealed the game for the Eagles, improving their record to 8-1.

Sunday's victory could be considered a microcosm of the Eagles' season to this point.

The defense played another outstanding game, getting strong contributions from everyone. Katy Cohen made three saves in goal against Maryville.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Eagles have been very opportunistic by connecting on passes and making combinations count.

Klein (7 goals, 8 assists) and sophomore Laura Stafford (5 goals, 1 assist) have paced a well-balanced offense.

Head Coach Kurt Glaeser was pleased with the team's effort over the weekend and overall.

"With a team like this to be 8-1,

I'm pretty happy," Glaeser said.

Glaeser and the team certainly have reason to be happy as they near the season's midpoint. In the last two weeks, the team has vaulted from eighteenth to fourth in the NCAA Division III rankings.

They also sit alone atop the CAC Conference and have a number one ranking in the South Region.

Glaeser is pleased with the way the team has come together, noting that "they're learning quickly while playing smart and winning at the same time."

MWC entered the season with high expectations as they were ranked fifth in the nation in the preseason poll. Perhaps the most impressive thing about this year's team is how it has met and exceeded expectations up to this point.

However, considering how far last year's team advanced in the postseason and the potential of this year's team, there is a feeling that the season has barely begun.

Women's Soccer Division III Top 20

1. Macalester(MN)	8-0-0
2. UC-San Diego	4-1-1
3. Washington U.(MO)	7-1-0
4. MWC	8-1-0
5. College of NJ	7-1-1
6. William Smith(NY)	6-1-0
7. William Paterson(NJ)	7-0-1
8. Trinity(TX)	7-0-2
9. Tufts(MA)	5-0-0
10. Williamette(OR)	7-0-2
11. St. Benedict(MN)	6-1-1
12. Kalamazoo(MI)	9-1-0
13. Richard Stockton(NJ)	5-2-1
13. Nazareth(NY)	8-1-0
15. Williams(MA)	4-0-0
16. Cal Lutheran	7-1-0
17. Wheaton(IL)	7-1-0
18. Bowdoin(ME)	4-0-1
19. Gettysburg(PA)	7-2-0
20. Calvin(MI)	8-2-0

Next Game: 1 p.m.
Saturday against Goucher
at the Battleground.



Freshman Giselle Guarino jumps up for a header.
Karen Pearlman/Bullet



Courtesy of Brooke and Colby Carrier

Colby and Brooke Carrier have provided a solid defense for MWC.

Carrier Twins Give Women's Soccer A Double Threat On The Field

By Michael Harris
Bulletin Staff Writer

Just as the autumn leaves are changing color to a fiery red, Brooke and Colby Carrier are firing up the MWC women's soccer team.

These twins from New Jersey are tall, strong and aggressive. At right and left defense, the identical pair instill intimidation in their opponents as well as questions regarding MWC's use of cloning technology.

"Because of their strength the combo creates a powerful defense for the team," said midfielder Sarah Zelenak.

The girls started playing soccer around the age of 5 in their hometown of Broomfield, N.J. In high school they finished second in the state finals and both of them were named first team all-conference.

Besides playing soccer in the spring, they also participated in other sports, including basketball, softball, and track. Playing sports all year long helped them to acquire the superb strength they have today.

"We don't have as much skill as some of the other players on the team, so we rely more on athletic ability and aggressiveness," said Colby.

In addition to aggressiveness and athleticism, the sisters serve as role models for other players.

"They are a good example for freshmen because even as sophomores they are willing to learn and willing to help," said Rebecca Vaccaro.

In order to have a successful soccer team, players must communicate well with each other. On the field, Colby and Brooke know exactly when and where the other is going to pass the ball.

Brooke and Colby's mother said the twins have always had a connection.

"When the two were babies they had their own private bubble that only the two of them could understand," she said.

Mrs. Carrier also said that athletic tape was used to keep the conniving twins from breaking into the refrigerator when they weren't supposed to. These days, though, the only thing the Carriers use athletic tape for is to wrap up their ankles.

When Brooke and Colby are not on the soccer field, they are usually hanging out together with their friends.

"We both have the same interests and the same friends, so we're always together, but we definitely have different personalities," said Brooke.

Last summer they spent the greatest

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Men's Soccer Team Continues Its Slide Team's Record Falls To 2-7

By Andrew Rothschild
Bulletin Staff Writer

The men's soccer team is off to a rough start this season, but that did not keep it from defeating St. Mary's College of Maryland 2-1 in overtime on Wednesday at St. Mary's.

Senior Ed Burrier got the start again in goal and helped record the Eagles' second win of the season. Senior outside midfielder Jay Hartley also returned to the starting lineup for just the second time this season due to pulled quadriceps.

Hartley helped MWC's cause by burying the first goal of the game against St. Mary's. It was Hartley's second goal in two games this season. "What can I say? The ninjas are back in full force," said Hartley.

In the second half, St. Mary's struck back, scoring off a corner kick that the Eagles' failed to clear.

"That's how it's been going all season," said senior Jordi Kleiman. "We can't clear the ball and they get a shot at close range and put it in."

The score remained tied at 1-1, sending the game into overtime. About five minutes into the first overtime an Eagle defensive mistake left a St. Mary's forward on one with Burrier from 10 yards out, but Burrier made a brilliant save to keep the game tied.

"We could just as easily have been 1-7, not 2-6" said Kleiman. "But it doesn't matter how you win, a win is a win and we need all we can get this season," he added.

In the second overtime junior forward Brad Kelley scored to give the Eagles their second goal of the day and second win of the season.

"It was ugly, but we got the W," said senior midfielder Brad Hopper.

Unfortunately, the Eagles' luck did not follow them into Sunday, when they lost 2-0 to Maryville of Tennessee at home.

In front of a supportive and soccer-starved home crowd, the Eagles dominated the first 10 minutes of the game with crisp ball

movement and dazzling skill. One of the reasons behind this was a change in lineup by Head Coach Roy Gordon.

Former sweeper Kleiman got the start in the central midfield in place of Brian Turner, who was suffering from a pulled muscle. Freshman Martin Smith got the start at sweeper.

"Martin has the ability to control the pace of the game and can deliver long balls out of the back. Jordi gives us quickness and ball control in the midfield and can make threatening runs to provide an offensive threat," said Gordon.

"The most frustrating thing about this game is that you can dominate a game and still lose."

—Jordi Kleiman, senior

In minute 11, Paul Wieck of Maryville scored on a ball delivered through the Eagle defense, and put a quick shot past Burrier.

"They crossed midfield maybe three times the entire first half," said Kelley. "Bottom line is we outshoot every team we play and we can't finish. Maryville had four or five shots on goal and scored twice. That's been the difference all season."

MWC definitely had its chances in this match. Outshooting Maryville 21-8, the Eagles had seven shots go over the goal, four blocked by defenders and three go wide.

"The most frustrating thing about this game is that you can dominate a game and still lose. Soccer is single-handedly the only sport in which that can happen. But it's the nature of the game," said Kleiman.

Next Game: 4:00 p.m. today against Christopher Newport at the Battleground.

Schedule of Events

Women's Soccer

Oct. 3: Goucher at the Battleground, 1 p.m.
Oct. 7: at Marymount, 3:30 p.m.

Field Hockey

Oct. 1: at Sweet Briar, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 3: Eastern Mennonite at the Battleground, 2 p.m.
Oct. 6: Frostburg State at the Battleground, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Oct. 2-3: Rutgers Tournament, TBA.
Oct. 7: Catholic at Goolrick, 7 p.m.



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Freshman Aaron Bernstein gains possession of the ball.

Men's Soccer

Oct. 1: Christopher Newport at the Battleground, 4 p.m.
Oct. 3: at Goucher, 1 p.m.
Oct. 8: Catholic at the Battleground, 4 p.m.

Cross Country

Oct. 3: at Frostburg State, 11 a.m.

Women's Tennis

Oct. 8: George Mason at the Battleground, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball

Oct. 4: Randolph Macon (DH) at the Battleground, 12:00 p.m.

Field Hockey Team Catches Fire

By Mike Komssi
Bulletin Distribution Manager

With attendance at their games thriving, the women of Mary Washington's tournament-bound field hockey team find themselves in the midst of a 6-0 run, defeating three of its last four opponents by shutout.

Tuesday afternoon, the Eagles clinched a bye in the first round of the CAC tournament when they defeated fellow conference member, Catholic University by a score of 4-1. The Eagles, now at 9-2 on the year, have stifled all CAC opponents thus far by a cumulative score of 14-3.

MWC acted as a special host on Tuesday. In attendance to the game was the MWC men's basketball team as well as the West Springfield High School varsity field hockey squad.

"I think everyone's taking positive steps towards school spirit," said junior midfielder, Ellen Ashton Smith.

MWC's Christine Jeffrey, a junior, set the tone early with an unassisted goal just four minutes into the game. Catholic managed to muscle back somewhat by keeping the ball at their offensive end, accumulating several penalty corners.

Unfortunately for Catholic, the Eagle defense, led by senior Erin Broome, brought their A-game. Freshman Christine Ballance, also contributed to the wall set between Catholic and the MWC goal.

The Eagles then pulled the rung out from Catholic, scoring two more goals in the half.

With just under 17 minutes remaining in the first, Smith rifled a shot past Luisa Blanchfield, Catholic's goal keeper. It was then that Catholic, coached by Dave Foley, began to lose its composure.

Minutes later, off a pass by Abby Porter, junior Robin Wild scored the third goal of the half.

"They were a young team. We were just concerned with setting the pace of a more mature game," Porter said.

The Eagles closed the first half up 3-0.

Seemingly rattled, Catholic came back only to give up another goal by freshman Jessica Morris off an assist by Jeffrey. It was not until two minutes remaining in the game when Catholic was able to penetrate the defense and junior Heather Carter.

The effort was too little, however, as time expired. Catholic was left with only the satisfaction that they were not the fourth straight victim of a shutout.

This Saturday, the Eagles will square off against Eastern Mennonite University, who is currently ranked first in the South Region, while MWC is fourth.

Fortunately for the Eagles, Eastern Mennonite is a turf team and is unfamiliar with playing on grass. It will be a great home field advantage for the Eagles, especially with the growing fan base as of late.

According to head coach Dana Hall, "If we can knock off the two top teams in the region, we'll be in the NCAA tournament."

Homecoming weekend, MWC will host Gettysburg College who is currently second in the South Region. The Eagles need to play well against both teams to be a national contender. That means they will have to keep up the level of intensity that has become expected of them.

Hall concluded, echoing the team's creed, "We just have to take one game at a time and not worry about nationals. Our schedule is perfect, like a ladder. All we have to do is knock off one at a time."

Next Game: 4:30 p.m.
Today at Sweet Briar.



Senior Erin Broome charges toward the ball.

Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Volleyball Team Begins CAC Play

By Teresa Joergler
Bulletin Assistant Business Manager

There are few familiar faces on the volleyball court this season. Seven of the eleven players on this season's roster are freshmen.

"We had two players that did not come back, and then we had a good recruiting class," said coach Dee Conway.

Conway added that although the team is young, there are quality players in key positions. Sophomore Chrissi Stoehr agreed.

"Coming into the season, I was a little worried that it would be a rebuilding year. I think it is working out really well. There is just as much talent here than on a more experienced team," Stoehr said.

Freshman Jessica Collings said

that having so many freshmen on the team is not affecting them too much, especially since the individual players seem to have similar levels of talent.

"Since all the upperclassmen and only two freshmen start, it doesn't make that much of a difference," added Collings.

So far, the team is 9-8 overall and 0-2 in the CAC.

The team's main goal of the season is to win the CAC Conference Tournament, according to Conway and the players.

"Obviously we want to do as well as we can. We may have to kick and claw to get our way there, but we're still working towards that," said Conway.

The Eagles' last match was at the Elizabethtown College Tournament

on Sept. 25-26.

On Friday, the squad defeated Dickinson College and lost to Rutgers.

The following day, the squad came back with a victory against Elizabethtown in five games, winning the match 8-15, 5-15, 15-11, 16-14 and 15-13. In the semifinal, the Eagles lost to Scranton in four games.

"We're developing as a team and as individuals. We're going to get it together," said Conway. "There are flashes of greatness; it's just a matter of putting it together for a sustained time."

Next Game: Friday, TBA
at the Rutgers Tournament.

MWC Sports Results

Men's Soccer

September 16
Virginia Wesleyan 3 MWC 0

September 19
Greensboro 2 MWC 1

September 23
MWC 2 St. Mary's 1

September 27
Maryville 2 MWC 0

Field Hockey
September 16
MWC 3 Goucher 2

September 19
MWC 2 York 0

September 22
MWC 5 St. Mary's 0

September 26
MWC 1 Johns Hopkins 0

September 29
MWC 4 Catholic 1

Volleyball
September 16
St. Mary's 3 MWC 1

September 19
Salisbury 3 MWC 0

September 23
Bridgewater 3 MWC 1
MWC 3 Dickinson 1

September 25
Rutgers-Newark 3 MWC 0
MWC 3 Elizabethtown 2

September 26
Scranton 3 MWC 1

Women's Cross Country

September 19
MWC finished in fifth place out of 10 teams at the George Mason Invitational.

September 26
MWC finished in 12th place out of 34 teams at the Dickinson Invitational. Beth Santilli finished 55th overall and Julie Rakowski finished 57th overall.

Men's Cross Country
September 19
MWC finished in seventh place out of 10 teams at the George Mason Invitational

September 26
MWC finished in 21st place out of 35 teams at the Dickinson Invitational.

Riding
September 27
MWC finished tied for third place out of the 14 teams that were competing at Richmond.

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Baseball

September 19
MWC 8 Bridgewater 2
MWC 4 Bridgewater 2

September 26
MWC 11 Catholic 9
MWC 4 Catholic 3

September 27
MWC 8 Navy 5

Women's Tennis
September 28
ITA/Rotex Tournament
Leah Schon lost 6-3, 6-3 to Averett's Elina Tolppa in the singles final.

Schon and Kirsten Erickson lost to Erin Eggers and Brook Hartzell of Washington & Lee.

Women's Soccer
September 19
MWC 3 New Jersey 1

September 20
MWC 3 Elizabethtown 0

September 23
MWC 3 St. Mary's 0

September 26
MWC 1 Salisbury 0

September 27
MWC 1 Maryville 0

Rugby
September 19
MWC 15 William & Mary 5

September 26
North Carolina 34 MWC 3

Eagle Cross Country Teams Overmatched At Dickenson Invite Women's Team Finishes 12th; Men's Team Finishes 21st

By Toni Fasola
Bulletin Staff Writer

This past Saturday morning as most MWC students slept, the cross country team was restless at the Dickinson Invitational.

The MWC squad went head-to-head with some of the top Division III schools in the nation at the Dickinson College Invitational.

With only four people at the head of the starting line and 300 runners behind them, the start of the race was pure chaos.

Junior varsity runners, including junior Derek Coryell, ended up running with the varsity squad due to time constraints. Trying to run as a pack was the initial goal of the MWC runners, but with all of the craziness at the start the Eagles were only semi-successful in accomplishing this goal. The women's squad fared better

than the men placing twelfth out of the 35 teams at the meet.

Top MWC finishers included freshman Beth Santilli (20:39), junior co-captain Julie Rakowski (20:42.9) and sophomore Jaime Donaruma (20:55.7).

Working hard and not letting up allowed the women's team to capture this very respectable finish.

Also finishing in the top 100 were freshmen Christine Chandler and Dana Foltz, sophomore Natalie Alexander and senior Meredith Leson.

Head Coach Stan Soper said, "After two pretty good meets, the men's placement was somewhat of a disappointment." Against high quality competition, the men struggled to finish twenty-first out of 35.

Top finishers for the men were

junior Jason Van Horn (27:54.9), freshman Travis Jones (28:19.1) and junior Jim Dlugasch (28:34.3).

Junior Brian Roberts and freshmen Marc Jones, Dan Greene and Brian Walsh also finished in the top 200.

Running against some of the top teams in the nation, MWC would have liked to have made more of an impact.

"This meet opened our eyes to what's out there and we know that we have to work hard to get to the level we want," said junior co-captain John Rock said.

Brian Roberts views the meet as "a learning experience that will prepare the team for the regional meet."

Next Meet: 11:00 a.m.
Saturday at Frostburg St.

Rugby Report: Mothers Trample Tribe; Parents Weekend Engulfed In Carolina Blue

Saturday, Sept. 26:

North Carolina 34 MWC 3

MWC suffered one of its worst losses in recent years, falling to the University of North Carolina 34-3. The loss dropped the team's record to 3-2.

Despite leading 3-0 after the first period, the Tarheels took full advantage of MWC's second half self-destruction.

"We had good scoring opportunities, but failed to capitalize on them," said coach Dave Stecker. In the second half, UNC broke the game open with two tries, while playing strong defense to prevent the Mothers from launching a comeback.

Several times the girls have had complete strangers come up to them and start talking as if they knew each other. Little did the strangers know that they were talking to the wrong Carrier sister.

Sometimes they have had boyfriends who call on the phone and cannot tell the difference between them which undoubtedly leads to very interesting conversations.

There is never a dull moment in the lives of these ambitious sisters. When asked about future goals Brooke said she wants to run in a marathon and Colby, the more mellow of the two, said she wants to make a lot of money and eventually have a large family.

In the meantime, the Carriers are busy helping lead the MWC soccer team to national prominence.

amount of time apart when Brooke went to California for a week.

On the few occasions that Colby and Brooke are not together, they have had some interesting experiences. Freshman year, one of the girls' hallmates couldn't resist asking Colby why she changed outfits so many times a day. She never realized that there were twins coming out of the same room.

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"We came within inches several times, but didn't punch it in," said MWC kicker Thomas Norbert.

After MWC's defense collapsed, the Tarheels breezed to four more tries.

Mary Washington will carry a 3-2 record into next weekend's match against reigning Virginia champion, Virginia Tech.

Saturday, Sept. 19:

MWC 15 William & Mary 5

MWC downed William and Mary 15-5 in what Stecker called "a crucial victory."

William and Mary took an interception in for a score to take an early lead, but was held scoreless for

the rest of the match by the stingy MWC defense.

Mothers fullback Geoff Bradley scored before the end of the half to even the game at 5-5.

In the second half, center Jeff Hoffman and flanker Thomas Norbert both scored and MWC kept the pressure on the W&M defense.

Despite missing on three short conversions and two penalty kicks, the Mothers held on for a convincing victory.

Next Game: 2:00p.m.
Saturday against Virginia Tech at the Battleground.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Bio Ritmo Delivers The Sounds Of Salsa

The Salsa Show

By Ruth Cassell
Bulletin Staff Writer

Giant Productions workers scurried around all day Friday preparing for the first event of parents' weekend, the Bio Ritmo concert.

The stage was set up in front of Lee Hall, and chairs were strewn across Ball Circle in anticipation of a big crowd. An assortment of interesting instruments decorated the stage.

At 6:30 p.m., the eight members of Bio Ritmo paraded down the steps of Lee Hall striking up a danceable song on various percussion instruments.

The members include Bob Miller (trumpet, vocals), Gabo Tomasini (congas), Eddie Pren (bass), Rene Herrera (vocals, trumpet, percussion), Justin Riccio (timbales, vocals), Chris Moody (keyboard, vocals), Charlie Kilpatrick (keyboards), and Jim Thomson (bongos, percussion, vocals).

The band immediately started off with a peppy salsa tune and captured the crowd for the rest of the show. Herrera and Thomson ruled the stage with their enthusiastic vocals and energetic dance moves. Meanwhile, Riccio dominated the microphone in an almost stand-up-comic manner.

Riccio repeatedly asked people to get up and dance. "We need entertainment too," he explained. Once that one brave soul took to the cobblestones in front of the stage in a hip wiggling salsa jig, others couldn't help themselves.

As is the fashion with Bio Ritmo's shows, the dance area was packed. Everyone from students' little siblings, and the students themselves, to the brave parents who knew how to have fun did the salsa. It seemed that everyone who walked by the area had to move their hips just a little.

About thirty minutes into the show, the band members and dancers began to feel small raindrops on their heads. Neither the music nor the dancing stopped.

"It was a great show," said Chevy Bray, a senior. "Everyone came out and had fun despite the rain."

Soon after the sprinkling began, Bio Ritmo had to take a break "to repair technical difficulties."

We seemed to have lost our piano," explained Riccio. Rene Herrera returned with an enthusiastic, "Let's get ready to Rumba!" "The dancers were ready and the festivities continued."

Riccio also made sure the dancers knew that they could

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Courtesy of Mercury Records

Bio Ritmo played during MWC's Hispanic Heritage Month festivities last month and recently released its major-label debut on Mercury Records.

The New CD, "Rumba Baby Rumba"

By Chandra Dasgupta
Bulletin Opinions Editor

Bio Ritmo's latest album, "Rumba Baby Rumba" is incredible. Where Bio Ritmo's 1997 release "Salsa Galactica" could be the definitive salsa-rock album of the decade, "Rumba Baby Rumba" can be seen as a more experimental album, in which Bio Ritmo has matured into a hipper, more eclectic role.

"Salsa Galactica" was a rich collection of more old fashioned traditional rhythms, moods and dance beats. On their latest release, Bio Ritmo tries their hand at a more non-traditional Latin sound, incorporating elements of swing, jazz, and rock, as well as elements of the usual salsas and boleros.

This latest release includes such songs as "Ugly" and "You Killed My Love," two of their first songs written with English lyrics. These two songs are extraordinary because, though they are experimental, Bio Ritmo has

beautifully intertwined so many influences that the listener is struck by the tremendous musical force that is Bio Ritmo. Also included on "Rumba Baby Rumba" is a cover of an old swing song "Call Me Up (644-7215)," as well as the incredible and more traditional "Yo Soy La Rumba" and "Bin Bin."

Thankfully, Bio Ritmo has started to receive the attention they so greatly deserve. They have toured with the Squirrel Nut Zippers, and have made a guest appearance on the Zippers' latest album "Perennial Favorites." They are billed as "latin swing," "latin salsa," and even "modern eclectica salsa."

The release of "Rumba Baby Rumba" will be accompanied by a full national tour, including a major backing by Mercury (their label) and Capital (their distributor). "Rumba Baby Rumba" proves to be the album that puts Bio Ritmo on the map, not only for their interpretation of Latin salsa, but for their originality, innovation and talent.

The Interview

By Ruth Cassell
Bulletin Staff Writer

Justin Riccio, who plays timbales and sings background lead vocals for the up-and-coming salsa band Bio Ritmo, shares with us everything from how he felt about the show Bio Ritmo played on Friday night to his personal aspirations for his on-stage performance.

As I peeked into Bio Ritmo's dressing room, Justin stood at the end of the conference table trying to fix his belt. He invited me in and told me he would be more than happy to talk to me because he liked to do all the talking for the band.

I stood on the other side of the table and put my recorder down. "You better turn that thing on," he said. "I'm ready to talk."

CASSELL: So, how did Bio Ritmo get their start?

RICCIO: Yeah, actually the band was formed in 1991 by a couple of members who actually aren't all in the band now. A drummer, who is actually in Puerto Rico, and Jim Thompson, who is our bongo player now.

They started the band to play an exhibition at a science museum in Richmond, and it was for on those IMAX movies. I think it was like "Volcanic Eruptions" or something. So, they had a four-member percussion group and they played a couple of gigs in that form and eventually, they started to grow into more of a salsa format. Like I said, that was back in '91; we've had so many different players since then.

I think that the main thing that changes is the saxophone. We've had something like seven different sax players. But, the core of the band has pretty much stayed the same. The percussion section has been the same since conception. I came along in '92, and I really got these guys together.

CASSELL: Sure, I can tell.

RICCIO: But, it's been fun, fun, fun.

CASSELL: What is the current lineup of Bio Ritmo?

RICCIO: Well, we have Rene; he's our lead singer. He's a vocalist, trombone player, and piano player. Not all in the band, of course. He arranges all our music, and he came from Cuba three years ago. He pretty much got our acts together.

We have Jim Thomson on background lead vocals also, and he's our bongo player. Gabo, who plays congas; Charlie Kilpatrick is the piano player. Eddie, he's our bass player, has been in the band about five months, but

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"CRIMES OF THE HEART" OPENS AT KLEIN THEATER



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Jennifer Baines, Mariah Fore and Marika Pickett play the three Magrath sisters in "Crimes of the Heart."

By Tammie Willis
Bulletin Staff Writer

In 1980, a script written by a graduate of Southern Methodist University passed across Rosemary Ingham's desk. As a member of the SMU theater department faculty, Ingham took an interest in the script. After reading it once, she knew she wanted to bring it to the stage.

She submitted the script to the SMU selection committee with praises, but the committee found that the play was "too trifling." As a result, Ingham lost her opportunity to direct the debut of the play. Two years later, the script, entitled "Crimes of the Heart," found another stage and won a Pulitzer Prize.

Eighteen years later, Ingham, now a theater professor at Mary Washington College, has brought "Crimes of the Heart" to the stage at Klein Theater.

"I'm excited," Ingham said. "I've seen it twice, but this is my first time directing it." "Crimes of the Heart" opened Thursday night when Jennifer Baines, who plays Lenny Magrath, walked onto a stage transformed into a country kitchen in Hazelhurst, Mississippi.

Surrounded by fruit-decorated wallpaper, worn-down furniture and old-style

appliances, the past and present experiences of three sisters collide as they try to make sense of their lives through tears and laughter.

"Crimes of the Heart" makes you think. It tackles difficult subjects with dignity and humor. The actors are really believable," said Melissa Cooper, a sophomore.

Seeing the time and effort that the cast has put into its performance, Ingham believes that it was worth the 18-year wait to direct "the hardest working cast that I have ever worked with."

In addition to working outside rehearsal, the cast spends four hours a day, six days a week in rehearsal. This equates to a part-time job piled upon the responsibilities of being a full-time student. This is evident in the on-stage chemistry between the actors and actresses.

Andrew Ward, who plays Doc Porter, thinks the chemistry developed over the chicken, rice and biscuits served by Ingham at their first reading of the script.

Marika Pickett, who plays the sexy singing Meg Magrath, explained that having the opportunity to read the script together over dinner allowed the cast to talk about its characters and to discuss ideas. This is not something that can be done with larger casts and the opportunity helped the cast of "Crimes of the Heart" find the chemistry they needed.

While the cast agreed that Ingham makes really good buttermilk biscuits, they also believe that Ingham nurtured the relationships developed on and off the stage.

"[Ingham] draws out the relationships of the characters and makes us develop the personalities," said Mariah Fore, the freshman actress who brings her talent to the role of Babe Magrath.

To define the personality of her character, Fore spent time in the library reading about abused wives. Using this information, Fore was able to develop an intense physical performance in which her actions convey the history of abuse that her character has endured.

"I'm especially glad that Mariah Fore is only a freshman," said Constance Smith, a senior lecturer in the English department. "We can expect four good years."

Fore is not the only freshman in the cast of "Crimes of the Heart." Cynthia Lotze, who plays the annoying Chick Boyle, is also a freshman. Ingham explained that Lotze plays a character that could be no further from her own personality and that these types of roles are always the hardest to play.

Lotze plays the role of Chick so convincingly that the audience

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WMWC TOP TEN:

Number	Artist	Album
1.	Squirrel Nut Zippers	"Perennial Favorites"
2.	Galactic	"Crazyhorse Mongoose"
3.	Elliot Smith	"XO"
4.	They Might Be Giants	"Severe Tire Damage"
5.	Liz Phair	"whitechocolatespaceegg"
6.	Juliana Hatfield	"Bed"
7.	Saute Etienne	"Good Humor"
8.	Medeski, Martin & Wood	"Combustication"
9.	Sinead Lohan	"No Mermaid"
10.	George Clinton	"Dope Dogs"

The Top 10 List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC. Questions? Please call The Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152. Also, don't forget to visit the WMWC web page: <http://www.wmwc.edu/wmwc/>—okay?



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The theatre department is performing the Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Crimes of the Heart."

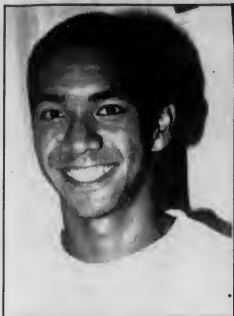
Pictured are Jennifer Baines, Cynthia Lotze and Andrew Ward.

Coming Attractions...

- **Thursday, Oct. 1: Festival, "Rocktoberfest,"** in front of the Underground. 4-7 p.m. Free. Info: x1135
- **Friday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Oct. 3: Film,** "The Truman Show" 7 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$1.
- **Sunday, Oct. 4: Film,** "The Truman Show," 2 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$1.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 7: Lecture,** "Dante's Inferno: The Translation" by U.S. Poet Laureate, Robert Pinsky. Lee Hall Ballroom. 6:30 p.m. Free.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 14: Concert,** Rusted Root. 7 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$10 students w/ID \$18 faculty/staff/non-WMC students.

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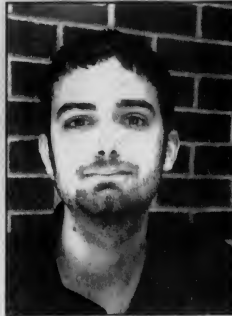
"Ralph Macchio because the 'Karate Kid' is the best movie of all time."

—Michael Panlilio, freshman



"Conan O'Brien because he's so cheesy I'd stay laughing all night."

—Mark Thaden, freshman



"Jesus. Do you really need to know why?"

—John Snellgrove, senior



"Robin Williams—constant laughter!"

—Andrew Friedberg, senior



"Dom Deluise. He's a great cook and I would get to sleep with him."

—Cindy Rollo

'Ronin' Is Unique Thriller

Student Reviews New Frankenheimer-DeNiro Flick

By Steve Townsley
Bulletin Staff Writer

In feudal Japan, when a samurai lost his master, he became a wandering rogue known as a "Ronin."

Well, this Saturday, I found myself wandering into Fredericksburg's beloved Regal 15 to check out the new John Frankenheimer film "Ronin."

I know we say, "A John Frankenheimer Film," like any fair-weather-filmmaker is supposed to genuflect in awe, but trust me, I'm only giving credit where credit is due.

The guy who directed "Ronin" is in fact Frankenheimer, and perhaps you had the chance to see his adaptation of "The Island of Dr. Moreau" starring Marlon Brando (who was wearing enough SPF lotion to protect Rhode Island).

Maybe die hard fans will remember his suspense classic, "The Manchurian Candidate." However, those are other tales, and we're focused on the present, presently.

"Ronin" is a curious film. Featuring perennial favorite Robert DeNiro and a terrific cast of international actors, including Jean Reno ("Mission: Impossible"), Stellan Skarsgard ("Good Will Hunting"), and the relatively new Natasha McElhone (who played Jim Carrey's long-lost love in "The Truman Show").

Also, there is a neat cameo with Olympic ice skating champion

Katarina Witt.

With such a showing of talent, you'd expect a terrific film. And you'd get one—but you may not be prepared for what you're given.

A couple of years ago, I was lured into "The English Patient" on the assumption that it was something of an "action-suspense movie."

Boy, was I misled on that one. For

The film changed me in the way I will approach spy thrillers from now on.

"Ronin," it was a similar experience (without the sandstorm).

And while "Ronin" contains both action and suspense, I wouldn't categorize it as either of these two genres. What do you call a hybrid of art-house cinema and an action-adventure story?

Five men and one woman have been gathered based on their "talent" to retrieve a mysterious briefcase. That's it. It seems like a simple enough plot, right?

However, Frankenheimer's film has an ever-curious atmosphere throughout the film. Tensions do rise, shots are fired, there are even a few explosions and car chases, but the film does not rely on the action or the flying bullets.

Instead, it is heavily character driven. Each character you're

introduced to is wholly unique, and yet the idea you're supposed to accept is how ordinary they are—very plain vanilla type humans.

About thirty minutes into the film, the story gets interesting. However, it seems very slow getting there.

After the credits had rolled, I asked the family of three that was sitting behind me what they thought.

The father thought it was very suspenseful. He said DeNiro hasn't made a bad movie yet.

The way he said it, "Ronin" was no exception.

The mother was intrigued with the way the title applied to the film.

The meaning is eventually revealed in the story, though it remains rather enigmatic.

The daughter, much like me, felt that the movie took its time in getting to the point. However, they were all generally positive about the film.

I had a professor once tell me that going to the movies wasn't worth anything unless you have changed somehow when you have left the theater.

This movie changed me in the way I will approach spy thrillers from now on.

If you are looking for a good spy story, "Ronin" is the film for you.

But, if you're looking for good, of "fashioned action and escapism, check out "Armageddon" again. See you in the dark.

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if you talk to him, he acts like he's a rock star. So you might want to interview him. He's a lot of fun. Then, to move to the other side, we have Mr. Bob Miller on trumpet, Chris Moody on saxophone, and myself on timbales and background lead vocals and big mouth on stage, and off stage as you can see.

CASSELL: Yeah, someone in the audience tonight said you really amused them.

RICCIO: Oh really, I'm here to amuse you.

CASSELL: How did you all enjoy the show tonight?

RICCIO: It was great. You know, the highlight was the rain, that pitter-patter on the head, that was the best thing. And, I need to grow some hair for those special occasions.

It was fun. We've done this gig about five times. It's always fun, and it's cool the people that stick around and dance through the wind and rain, tornadoes.

The one complaint I have is that it gets mighty dark up there. There are no lights, and I almost fell and hurt myself. I was actually trying to execute a backflip off the stage. That's the highlight of the show. During my solo, I execute a backflip off the stage and then a forward double flip back onto the stage, all without losing a beat. But, I couldn't do it tonight because I almost slipped and fell.

CASSELL: So, how exactly did Bio Ritmo, as a group, get interested in salsa as a music form? RICCIO: Well, as far as the band as a whole playing salsa, for the past seven years we always kept in mind that we wanted to be a traditional salsa band as much as possible. And, of course, the fact that there are a lot of Americans, non-Spanish speakers even, you can't help but have a different sound.

Hence, our kind of novel approach. We don't do it on purpose in other words. We're trying to be like the everyday, average salsa band. It ends up working out kind of cool because we can't help but add a little jazz, punk rock kind of thing.

I personally got into salsa by listening to old records. Gabo and I, we went to high school together. We started playing in high school, got involved in salsa, then Gabo headed to Richmond and joined a band.



Kathryn Kology/Bulletin

Jim Thomson of Bio Ritmo addresses the crowd.

Salsa as a musical form is primarily Cuban. The rhythms and the styles and, especially, the foundation. Of course, it has other influences like Puerto Rican music and Dominican music, but primarily it's Cuban.

But now, what's great about the '90s is the embargo that is kind of being lifted has really helped the music in general because there is a lot more Cuban music available now, so it helps people like us. Salsa was started in the '70s and it's a commercial term, meant to market the music.

CASSELL: How do you feel about being part of the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month here at Mary Washington?

RICCIO: I thought it was good to see the Latinos come out in a town like Fredericksburg where they're not that prevalent. It's good to be part of that.

CASSELL: So, does Bio Ritmo enjoy playing cheap, in this case free, college shows?

RICCIO: I don't play for free. I have a clause in my contract so I get five thousand dollars. No, it's cool. I don't mind playing as long as we have food and drink, wine and song, merriment. And, the dancers did entertain us.

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capture the magic of the Ritmo's grooves on their new CD, "Rumba Baby Rumba."

Many students who heard Bio Ritmo for the first time made sure they would never forget them by purchasing posters or CDs.

"I've heard of Bio Ritmo only because they come here year after year and their reputation precedes them," sophomore Katie Yamashita said.

The concert was not only the start of the parents' weekend festivities, but also one of the events in Hispanic Heritage Appreciation Month.

"I thought the Bio Ritmo concert was a great way to bring in Hispanic Heritage Appreciation Month," junior Emily Garby, said.

Bio Ritmo, with their hip Latin and Spanish grooves, has quickly become a band whose concerts Mary Washington will enjoy year after year.

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demonstrated their hatred for Chick with a round of applause that bordered on a standing ovation when Lenny chases Chick off the stage with a broom.

Jennifer Baines, who plays the broom swinging Lenny Magrath, put a lot of time into perfecting that scene. Finding that she often fell or stumbled while chasing Lotze, Baines practiced the scene more than twenty times.

However, chasing Lotze from the stage was not the most demanding aspect of her performance. As the overly-emotional sister, Baines' character had to cry on-stage not once, but twice.

While Baines created tension with her tears, Marika Pickett's realistic portrayal of Meg Magrath produced empathy among the audience. It is possible to hate Meg, love Meg and feel sorry for Meg all at the same time because Pickett provides the character with a consistently-fluctuating extreme of emotions that are very believable.

Ingham attributes Pickett's success to the fact that "she is extremely thoughtful" and describes Pickett as someone who is constantly contributing insightful ideas that enhance her performance.

With a soft-spoken manner,

Andrew Ward uses facial expressions and body language to convey quiet thoughtfulness in contrast to the emotional intensity of the females, in his role as Doc Porter. The ease of his stage presence created moments of calm rationale that allowed the audience a moment to catch its breath.

Known for playing older characters, junior Paul Dunford has made good use of the freedom of movement presented by the character of the young southern lawyer, Barnette Lloyd.

After shaving and getting a haircut to make him look younger, Dunford punctuated his southern drawl with enthusiastic movements and perfectly timed expressions to show a command for physical performance that consistently elicited laughter from the audience.

The performance of each of the actors and actresses was so strong that not one actor or actress stood out among the rest. They worked as a unit and gave the audience a great performance. Rosemary Ingham's long wait to bring "Crimes of the Heart" to the stage was worthwhile.

"Crimes of the Heart" can be seen in Klein Theater through Oct. 4. For ticket prices or information, call 654-1124.

Quote of the Week:

"O, it is excellent to have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant."

—William Shakespeare

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EagleOne Card Put To New Uses

By Mark Greenleaf
Bulletin Assistant Opinions Editor

Auxiliary services created the EagleOne card three years ago. After years of promises from the colleges and several setbacks, students can finally use the card for more than just an ID in 1998.

So far this semester, 810 students have utilized the card's new applications, which include the ability to purchase books in the bookstore, purchase items from campus vending machines, operate laundry machines and pay for dining services such as Seacobeck Premium Dinners, the Eagles Nest, Gourmet-on-the-Go and Pete's Arena Pizza Delivery.

The card works in the same manner as any debit card, subtracting money directly from a student's EagleOne account. Students have deposited a combined total of \$141,372 into their EagleOne accounts for these various uses.

To begin an EagleOne account a person must deposit \$25. This can be done at either the bookstore or at the cashier's office in George Washington Hall.

One of the key elements that made the new debit system possible now is that auxiliary services are now responsible for replacing lost or stolen IDs instead of the campus police. It now costs students only \$10 to replace a card instead of \$20, and the service is available five days a week instead of just on Wednesdays.

Another key component is the Cash Value Center (CVC), located in the campus center, an ATM-like machine where students with EagleOne accounts can transfer funds from their EagleOne account to a smaller "vending machine" card to be used in vending and laundry machines.

Currently, money transferred to these smaller stripes is considered cash equivalency, and if the card is lost, so is the money stored on it. As a precaution against this danger, the college has placed a \$20 limit of the amount somebody can transfer at any one time to the smaller card.

Carolyn Taylor, director of auxiliary services, said that by using previously existing technology, the EagleOne debit card project costs the college just \$9,655.45 to operate.

"A lot of places will pay \$700,000 for a debit card program. We were able to get the finances down to an incredibly small amount of money," Taylor said.

This program has not been quick in coming. Administrators have made many promises about the card's uses in the past.

Conrad Warlick, former senior vice president for administrative and student services, said in an April 6, 1995, Bulletin article, "With the EagleOne card, students will not only pay for meals at Seacobeck and the Eagles Nest, but will also swipe the card through electronic readers to open dormitory doors."

In the same article, Carol Martin, associate vice president for computer and network services, said, "These services will be available next fall."

The services that became available this fall did not go off without any glitches, though. Some students experienced problems with their cards.

Junior Maryellen Ferro was unable to get her card to work with the EagleOne account and had to get a new card in order to use the new services. After the initial hassle, Ferro said, the card proved helpful.

"Now I don't have to hunt for quarters and I can buy snacks anytime I want," Ferro said.

Sophomore Kevin Lamien had similar problems.

"In the beginning my card would never work. I took it to Seacobeck to get it fixed and they messed it up even more. I could not



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Sophomore Sarah Crabtree uses her EagleOne card to get money from the cash value center while sophomore Kim Price looks on.

use my meals or EagleOne accounts. Now that it works I'm happy with it, though I spend a lot more money."

Freshman Jayme Cartwright uses the card almost every day at the dining halls and the bookstore.

"It doesn't scan in the machines in my building," was Cartwright's only complaint.

With the EagleOne debit system finally up and running, Taylor is again discussing more new uses for the cards in the near future. Machines such as photocopyers, coin dispensers and network printers could be made to accept the cards.

In coming years, Taylor said, students may be able to buy tickets from the Klein Theatre Box Office with their cards, or pay Health Center fees, or library and parking fines.

The college is also considering, paying students who receive financial aid work money through the EagleOne system rather than with paychecks.

Death Of Fundraiser Leaves Business Endowment Dry

By Matthew MacDonald
Bulletin Staff Writer

Plans for a \$10 million endowment fund for business and finance curriculum have been put on hold after the local businessman who proposed the venture died.

Lawrence R. McMurtry died at his home on July 15, 1998. McMurtry, the former president of the Fredericksburg Savings and Loan and also served as vice president of the Mary Washington Foundation, the organization which handles the college's private donations, and came up with the idea of an endowment for business and finance curriculum.

McMurtry would have been in charge of finding donors for the endowment, and would have contributed some of his own money to the foundation.

McMurtry brought the idea to MWC President William Anderson last year. On May 15, 1998 the Board of Visitors unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the foundation to raise at least \$10 million to establish the endowment as part of the fundraising drive "Capital Campaign for Mary Washington College."

Anderson said that McMurtry wanted to set up the endowment because he felt a strong business program would benefit the community.

"[McMurtry] thought a business school would be good for the entire Fredericksburg area," Anderson said.

Ron Singleton, vice president for advancement and college relations said that business and finance curriculum means programs within the business administration department. That was what the endowment would have been geared towards, he said.

"In the resolution, curriculum is used in the sense of programs, the courses and curriculum of each department are decided on by the professors," Singleton said.

Confusion about what this endowment would have meant has left some faculty members upset about the situation.

Topher Bill, the faculty representative to the Board of Visitors said some faculty members were upset because they were not informed of the project until the first faculty meeting of this year.

Bill, along with other members of the faculty, felt they should have been consulted before such a decision was made.

The meeting at which the resolution passed was a short one, Bill said, and the BOV discussed the motion in a closed executive session. Bill said he asked for explanations but left the meeting unsatisfied.

"It was a curious kind of motion"

—Topher Bill
faculty representative

At the most recent BOV meeting Bill, who makes a report of faculty concerns during every academic affairs committee meeting, expressed his concern with the endowment resolution.

R. Leigh Frackelton, department chair of the business administration department, felt that there was no reason to be upset because nothing had happened yet. Frackelton also said he thought that the faculty would have been consulted had the proposal gone any further.

"It seems that the proposal came up quickly and left quickly and it makes no sense to get upset about it," Frackelton said. "My understanding is that curriculums take a long time to develop, and if this would have continued then I think the faculty would have been consulted."

According to Singleton, the endowment is on hold.

"We are not ready to launch a campaign," Singleton said. "This is one of quite a few [projects] that we will start once we get a major donor."

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assistant vice president for college advancement replaced the position Lyons occupied. The person who occupies that position will be required to report directly to Singleton.

Two other people have recently left the development office within a year of each other, including former director of annual giving Brian O'Rourke. O'Rourke who left to head the development office at The Tower School, a small private high school in Massachusetts, could not be reached for comment.

Anderson said turnover in this field is not unusual, but Tompkins disagreed with him.

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former vice president for college advancement

The advancement office is charged with bringing in private donations to build up the school's endowment, currently at \$20 million, to supplement tuition and state appropriations.

Last year the office raised just over two million in private gifts to the school, but Singleton said a couple of recent trends in college giving have not met expectations. The number of donors decreased in the 1997-1998 fiscal year from 7845 in 1996-1997 to 7117. The numbers are the lowest since 1994. The rate of alumni participation, the percentage of alumni who give money to the school, also dropped from 30 percent to 26.5 percent.

According to Monicia Naggs, director of development, despite Lyons's resignation the office has raised a \$100,000 more than they had by this time last year.

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feed turned out to be load related."

According to articles in the Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 issues of The Bulletin, the blackouts disrupted classes and food services, trapped one student in an elevator and shut down the multi-million-dollar campus computer network for hours.

After a series of meetings in late September between Foster, Al Lytle, who also oversees the northern Virginia region of Virginia Power's electricity monopoly, Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer for the college and John Wittenmuth, director of facilities services, the college and the power company agreed upon a plan of action.

"The campus feeds will be redistributed so that less buildings are on the Sunken Road feed," Wittenmuth said.

Wittenmuth explained that currently, every building between George Washington Hall and the Jepson Science Center is supplied from Sunken Road. After Virginia Power rewires the campus, only Trinkle, Monroe and Lee Hall will get their power from Sunken Road. All the other buildings such as the campus center and Jepson, will be moved to the Route One feed.

Foster explained why he feels this redistribution will help solve the blackout problem.

"Historically the Route One feed hasn't had many problems with squirrels," he said. "Now we will be serving the core area of campus from two different points instead of one. If something does happen to one feed, it won't affect the whole campus."

During the seven-hour blackout on Oct. 10, Foster said workers will run 600 feet of electrical cable from the Sunken Road feed to the feed on Route One and work on the campus transformers, the converters that take high voltage input from power lines and break it down into a lower voltage output that can be used by machines.

One thing Anderson made clear is that he did not want the college to have to foot the bill for these repairs.

"It's not our problem, it's their problem. It's got to be fixed. Nothing less is acceptable," he said.

Foster and Gordon both promised that Virginia Power will pick up the entire tab for this operation, though they aren't sure how much the repairs will cost.

"It won't be an astronomical figure,"

Foster said of the expected costs. "It'll be in the thousands. But with the things that we are doing, there won't be any cost to the college."

Students seemed happy about the changes. Junior Stephen Donahoe, who was stuck in a Simpson Library elevator during one of the blackouts said, "[Students] won't have to think twice before going into an elevator or something, because they won't have to worry about the power going out."

Though he was enthused by the power company's cooperation Anderson is reserving final judgment until he sees results.

"We've gotten a very good response from [Virginia Power]," Anderson said. "But we want to see performance. To have a meeting and have everybody say they are dedicated to fixing the problem is great, but we want to see the problem fixed."

Virginia Power is the power company for the entire Fredericksburg and northern Virginia area, so if Anderson is still unhappy after the repairs, the college does not have the leeway to negotiate with another power company. But there are other avenues open, Anderson said, to get the problem fixed.

"If the problem continues," he said, "we'll be in Richmond, and we have some powerful friends in the state we can complain to."

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Match said there are things to do at the college on the weekends, but offered some suggestions to improve the social life of the college, including having more concerts and having some of the activities from freshman orientation week, such as Casino Night, later on in the year as well so that all students can attend.

A senior who wished to remain anonymous also opposes the idea. "I think that when you are a freshman, you're 18, an adult, and paying the same tuition as everyone else," she said.

Questions also exist about how students will get around without cars. Chirico said that he feels that FRED, the Fredericksburg area bus system, is an inadequate form of transportation.

"I don't think they provide enough hours, and it takes quite a while to run the circuit," Chirico said.

FRED currently runs Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., with only one bus for each of its four routes.

Wilder said that Fredericksburg has many close connections to buses, trains, and airports which could be utilized. He also suggested that students can use the ride board in the

Woodard Campus Center to find rides home.

Chirico also said that he will try to find a way for students to make better connections with the Virginia Railway Express, and other forms of transportation.

Paul Dresser, rector of the Board of Visitors, agreed that transportation and other issues must be addressed.

"If we're going to take something away from an 18 year old who has had full use of an automobile for two years, then we need to move proactively on issues dealing with activities on campus and making sure there is adequate transportation out of town," Dresser said.

Wilder was been talking about the policy with prospective students in the admissions office.

"We have floated trial balloons because we knew this might happen, and we have not gotten any negative feedback yet," Wilder said.

"I don't think it would be any way a deterrent, but only time will tell. I don't think it's such a big thing where people would get up and say they won't enroll here," Wilder said.

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said he hopes that eliminating the number of first year students with cars will open up more space for upperclass students. According to the campus police, there are currently 185-200 freshmen with parking permits.

Wilder said that freshmen need to get a good start academically, and that he felt freshmen should become more involved in college activities.

"I think a car can be detrimental to both of those," he said.

Task Force members said they hoped that without cars, freshmen would become more involved in the community of Fredericksburg.

"I'm hoping it will increase what students know about the area. It will let them become citizens of the community," Chirico said.

Brooks L'Allier, president of the student government association, supported the board's decision to eliminate freshman parking because he feels that it is important for students to remain here on the weekends. But he said that he believes there are some concerns that need to be addressed.

"The main thing that I feel strongly about is the fact that if you take away 200 freshmen cars, there will be 200-300 extra students here

on weekends. The school absolutely needs to make arrangements so that students have something to do," L'Allier said.

Students said that there is a need for something to do on campus on the weekends.

"It is definitely very desolate here on the weekends," said freshman Jennifer McLaughlin.

L'Allier also said that without providing activities for students to participate in, there will probably be an increase in students charged with being drunk in public or underage possession of alcohol.

"There may be some serious consequences if we don't take action," L'Allier said.

Chirico said that he will do everything possible to create more activities on weekends in which students will be interested.

Some students disagreed with the decision.

Sophomore Danielle Matuch said she feels that the new policy will be hard on out-of-state students, and that freshman parking should be limited rather than eliminated.

"I think [the new policy] stinks for out-of-state students," Matuch said. "Trips home are expensive. It is cost effective to use your own car, rather

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"Atalay seems enthusiastic, very compassionate, approachable and personable," Cox said.

Campbell was also honored at the commencement exercises. He received the Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award, which recognizes a professor who has served MWC for no more than five years.

The process for choosing the winner of this award is the same as for the Grellet C. Simpson Award. Hall and the past three winners of the award read nominations.

Campbell was born in Salem, Va. He entered Wake Forest University as a psychology major, but later switched to English. Campbell attributes his change in career to Elizabeth Phillips, an English professor at WFU. To fulfill a requirement, Campbell took her American literature course.

"She made me want to be an English major. She was witty, intense, smart as a whip and clearly in love with literature," Campbell said.

Campbell went on to earn his bachelor's degree from WFU and his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Virginia. He came to Mary Washington College in 1994. "I was delighted by the selectivity

of the school, by what seemed to me wide-ranging opportunities for excellent teaching," he said.

Carol Manning, chair of the department of English, linguistics and speech, said Campbell has a real knack for teaching.

"Campbell is a dynamite teacher. He's intense, dramatic, hardworking and rigorous. I was very pleased [he won the award]. I think lots of people felt it was really well-deserved," Manning said.

Students at Mary Washington seem to appreciate Campbell's teaching.

"I really admire Dr. Campbell's teaching style," said senior Shawna Williams. "He does more than just merely lecture. He incorporates a variety of methods in his class... These efforts helped me learn and made me want to come to class."

Senior Kristen Page wrote a letter nominating Campbell for the award. "His passion for his subjects infects his students, challenging them and making them grow in ways they never thought possible. More than his unbelievable gift for teaching, though, is the great personal affection he has for his students," read the letter.